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JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the preservation and publication of portions of the early state and provincial records and other state papers of New Hampshire.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

That His Excellency the Governor be hereby authorized and empowered, with the advice and consent of the Council, to employ some suitable person—and fix his compensation, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated—to collect, arrange, transcribe, and superintend the publication of such portions of the early state and provincial records and other state papers of New Hampshire as the Governor may deem proper; and that eight hundred copies of each volume of the same be printed by the state printer, and distributed as follows: namely, one copy to each city and town in the State, one copy to such of the public libraries in the State as the Governor may designate, fifty copies to the New Hampshire Historical Society, and the remainder placed in the custody of the state librarian, who is hereby authorized to exchange the same for similar publications by other States.

Approved August 4, 1881.

In accordance with the foregoing resolution, the Governor, with advice of the Council, on the twelfth day of October, 1881, appointed and commissioned ISAAC W. HAMMOND as "Editor and Compiler of State Papers."

EDITOR'S PREFACE.

When Volume XVI. was in press, it was known to the editor that some rolls of soldiers and other important documents relating to the service performed by New Hampshire in the Revolution, of which this State had no duplicates, were on deposit in the Department of State and in the Pension Bureau of the Department of the Interior, at Washington, D. C. The editor had corresponded with the custodians thereof, and ascertained that the only feasible method of obtaining copies of such portion of said documents as were of importance was by personal examination, a careful comparison with our printed volumes and then unpublished manuscripts, in order to secure all that were of interest and prevent the expense of duplication. To accomplish this it was necessary to visit Washington, which the editor had no authority to do at that time.

Subsequent to the issue of that volume, Hon. A. S. Batchellor, of the Executive Council, being one of the committee of the same on the publication of our state papers, called at those departments, and examined said documents sufficiently to become convinced of their value and the importance of obtaining copies for publication. On his return he laid the matter before the Executive Board, and on June 5, 1888, a resolution was passed by the Governor and Council, directing the editor of this work to proceed to Washington and obtain copies of such Revolutionary documents relating to New Hampshire as were not in our state archives, and were of sufficient importance for publication. In accordance with said resolution, he went to the several departments in which said material was deposited, and obtained copies, which are printed in this volume. At all of the departments which he had occasion to visit he was courteously received, and all the assistance needed in accomplishing his mission was placed at his disposal. To Gen. James B. Coit, chief of the old war and navy division of the Pension Bureau, the editor is indebted for especial favors.

The documents referred to, and of a portion of which copies were

procured, are undoubtedly a part of those loaned by this State to the United States secretary of war, in accordance with the resolution of our Legislature passed in 1818. They were probably turned over by him to the commissioner of pensions, and consequently were not in the War Department when this State demanded their return in 1840; in answer to which demand a large portion of the loan of 1818 was returned to the state archives.

In the old war and navy division of the Bureau of Pensions are eight manuscript folio volumes of New Hampshire documents relating to the Revolution, a portion being originals, and the remainder copies furnished by the secretary of this State in 1838–1840. The volumes numbered I. to IV., inclusive, contain the monthly returns of the three New Hampshire continental regiments and the regiment of Col. Pierse Long, which was in the continental service at Ticonderoga during a portion of the year 1777. These volumes are undoubtedly a portion of the loan of 1818. As it is probable that we have printed the names of nearly all the men who served in those regiments in Volumes XIV., XV., and XVI., and as the expense of copying them would be considerable, the editor did not deem it desirable to procure copies at present. It is desirable, however, that means be used to procure their return to this State, as they can be no longer of use to the Pension Bureau in settling claims.

Volumes V. and VI. of the series are missing. I was informed that inquiries had been made for them at various departments of the government, but without success. This is much to be regretted, as they probably contained documents of great historic value to us, of a similar character to some found in the four succeeding volumes.

Volumes VII., VIII., IX., and X. contain miscellaneous rolls and documents, which were carefully examined, compared with our printed volumes, copies procured of all that are not contained therein, and printed in this volume.

In the same department I found a quantity of loose papers relating to this State, in packages, of which a large number were original enlistment papers. Of these I did not obtain copies, as I hope the originals will be returned to the State in the near future.

Some copies from the Department of State will be found in this volume.

The resolution of 1840, concerning the documents herein mentioned, was as follows:

WHEREAS, By a report of a committee of the Legislature of this State, accepted June 25, 1818, His Excellency William Plumer, then Governor of this State, was permitted to transmit certain books and papers from the secretary's office to the secretary of war, for the purpose of establishing the claims of officers and soldiers, who served in the war of the Revolution, for pensions under the law of Congress passed 1818; and,

WHEREAS, the interest of the people of this State requires that those books and papers should be returned to the secretary's office in this State, therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

That the secretary of this State is hereby authorized and directed to demand and receive, from the secretary of war, the books, records, and papers now in the war office or in the pension office, which belong to this State, and deposit the same in the secretary's office in this State.

And be it further resolved, That the Governor of this State cause said papers, or such portions thereof, to be arranged and bound for preservation, as in his judgment the interest of the people of this State may require.

Approved December 23, 1840.

In accordance with the foregoing, a demand was made, and a portion of the papers returned. The reason some of them were retained may be explained by presuming that the demand was made upon the secretary of war, and that he forwarded such only as were in his custody.

That a portion of the documents were returned to this State is shown by the following:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

That the secretary of state be directed to employ some suitable person to arrange and index such Revolutionary documents as are now in the secretary's office, and which in the opinion of the secretary may be of sufficient value to be so arranged, and that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to effect the object of this resolution.

Approved January 8, 1853.

In accordance with the foregoing, the rolls were placed in volumes without any apparent method or system, so far as the editor could discover when they came into his possession for publication in 1884, which occasioned him the tedious labor of removing them from said volumes, chronologically arranging and inserting them in new volumes prepared for the purpose.

It becoming known that some of the documents which were loaned the general government in 1818 had not been returned, the Legislature passed the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

That His Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby authorized to transmit a copy of this resolution to the commissioner of pensions at Washington, and to request him to forward to the secretary of state of New Hampshire, all rolls and documents relating to the military service of the inhabitants of said State, in the Revolution, remaining in the pension office; to be filed by the secretary in his office, with other records pertaining to the same subject.

Approved July 12, 1856.

Whether the Governor made the request in accordance with the foregoing does not appear, but, according to tradition, he did, and the United States authorities refused to comply with the request.

It is certain, however, that the documents were not returned by virtue of any such request, but still remain in the custody of the commissioner of pensions. The next Legislature should take action in the matter, with a view of recovering possession of these records and documents, which are no longer of use except for historical purposes.

This volume contains many documents of value relating to the early history of New Hampshire, including the transcripts procured from the English archives by the late John S. Jenness; also the Revolutionary war correspondence of Colonel Bedel, and the vindication of General Sullivan of charges preferred by Major Taylor.

The editor desires to express his acknowledgments to His Excellency Charles H. Sawyer, and the Honorable Council, for their appreciative interest in the work, as shown by acts which enabled him to procure material that adds largely to the value of the volume; and especially to Hon. A. S. Batchellor, who, as one of the committee on publication, has rendered the editor valuable assistance, and responded promptly to all requests for counsel. Volume XVIII. will contain the miscellaneous papers from 1725 to 1800, some valuable correspondence, and other unpublished documents relative to the boundary line controversy, the siege of Louisburg, and other French and Indian wars.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR ROLLS AND DOCUMENTS.

[Since the completion of Volume XVI., it has been decided to publish some remaining documents relating to the Revolutionary war (a portion of which were in the state archives, and the remainder copies procured from Washington) at the beginning of this volume, instead of inserting them chronologically, according to the editor's design when the preface to Volume XVI. was written. The references at the beginning of the documents (R. 5–5, etc.) refer to volume and page of "Miscellaneous Revolutionary War Documents," in the office of the secretary of state, where the originals may be found. — Ed.]

[R. 5–5]

[*Captain John Cochran, commander at Fort William & Mary, to Governor Wentworth.*]

May it please your Excellency

The Fox mast ship arrived here last even'g ab^{t} 6 O'Clock and has anchor'd over in the other province [Maine] near to Coll^{o} Sparhawk's wharff where she now lys — On her arriv^{l}, I Imediately Delivered the Letter that was directed to Capt Norman.

I am your Excellency's most
Obed^{t}. Hble Servant
John Cochran.

Sep^{tr}. 9th. 1774.

To His Excellency John Wentworth Esq

[R. 5–6] [*A Unique Recommendation.*]

Province of New Hampshire. Rockingham ss.

South Hampton May 22nd 1775.

Whereas Mr Wm Cooper of sd Town has Been with us Signifying his mind to have Inlisting orders in order to raise a Company of men to Be under his command, he Being Desirous we should shew Our minds Relating his Qualifications we think we can Recomend him as Being Considerable Expert in military Disipline and it Looks Likely to us that he may Be an officer which will have a good Reguard to his Soldiers under his Command and we do not know But that he may so Conduct as will Be Becoming his place which is our earnest Desire he may —

Abel french
Joseph Jones } Selectmen
Joseph Merrill

To the Honoriable Commity of Safty Now Setting in Exeter

[R. 5–7] [*Micah Hoyt Recommended.*]

To the Honorable Gentlemen the Committee of Safty for the Province of New Hampshire —

we the Select men for Newtown in sd province do hereby signifie unto your honours that we look upon Ensn Micah Hoyt of sd newtown as a Suitable person to be imploy'd as an officer in the public Service — he being imploy'd in the last wars in his Cuntry's Defence — & as we hear Conducted with prudence & in ye present dispute has manifested himself a friend to his Cuntry & very tender of its libertyes —

Newtown May 23rd 1775

Mathias Bartlet
Francis Chase Jur } Select-men for Newtown
Samuel Hoit

we are informed that their will Be a Nouember of men inlist under said Hoit

To Joseph Bartlett Esq now at Exeter

[*Captain Gordon Hutchins's Company, Stark's Regiment*, 1775.]

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MENS NAMES —	Age —	Places of Abode —	Occupation —
Capt. Gordon Hutchins	42	Concord	Merchant
Lieut. Joseph Soper	38	Canterbury	Cordwainer
Ens. Daniel Livermore	26	Concord	House Joiner
Serj^{t} Wm Livingston	32	New Boston	Blacksmith
Serj^{t} Benjn Abbot	26	Concord	House Joiner
Serj^{t} John Bean	26	Canterbury	Husbandman
Serj^{t} Quimby	25	Chester	Do
Corp^{l} Simeon Danforth	28	Concord	Cordwainer
" Robt Livingston	23	New Boston	House Joiner
" Wm Walker	25	Concord	Taylor
" Hubbard Carter	22	Warner	Blacksmith
Daniel McNeal	23	New Boston	Husbandman
John Gordon	26	Do	Do
Alexander Patterson	20	Do	Do
Cornelius Bean	38	Perrystown	Do
Samuel Webster	26	Allenstown	Do
Joseph Stan^{l} Webster	21	Do	Do
Charles McCoy	21	Do	Do
Isaac Johnston	26	Concord	Do
William Beard	23	New Boston	Do
Saml Straw	22	Concord	Taylor
Benjn Baker	23	Canterbury	Cordwainer
Thom^{s} Chandler	35	Concord	Do
Joseph Grace	19	Do	Husbandman
John Bunten	18	Allenstown	Do
Ezra Badger	50	Chester	Do
Peter Johnston	18	Concord	Do
Thom^{s} Webber	21	Hopkinton	Do
Moody Smith	18	do	do
Pratt Chase	21	do	do
Benjn Bassford	20	Alexander	do
Elihu Corlish	18	do	do
Levi Hutchins	18	Concord	Fifer
Nathaniel Clement	20	Hopkinton	Drummer
Micah Flanders	18	Concord	Husbandman
John Morgan	24	Wier	do

MENS NAMES —	Age —	Places of Abode —	Occupation —
Thomas Palmer	22	Warner	Husbandman
John Palmer	20	do	do
Samuel Patterson	18	New Boston	do
Thom^{s} Matthews	25	do	do
John Burns Junr	18	do	do
John Stone	18	do	do
James Stone	27	Hennica	do
Samuel Eastman	19	do	do
Wells Davis	22	Warner	do
Jonathan Robie	18	Perrystown	do
Joseph Clough	26	Warner	do
John Holden	28	Canterbury	Taylor
Edmond Boyenton	22	do	Cordwainer
John Bean Junr	20	do	Husbandman
Nathl Glines	28	do	do
John Elliot	20	do	do
George Shannon	32	do	do [Killed]
Joshua Boyenton	50	do	do
Wm Adams Perkins	18	do	do
Jotham Young	18	do	do
Isaac Cummins	23	do	do
Nathl Perkins	20	do	do
Elijah Cochran	22	New Boston	Taylor
Paul McFarson	32	do	Husbandman
John Burns	50	do	do

[Captain Hutchins's Company was in Stark's Regiment at battle of Bunker Hill. — Ed.]

[R. 5–8] [*Dr. Hall Jackson recommends Dr. Green.*]

Portsmouth May 29th 1775

Gent^{n} I have for many years past had the pleasure of an intimate acquaintence with Doct Ezra Green, of Dover and am well assured from many observations I have made in his Practice, that he is in every respect well qualified to serve in the army in the capacity of Physician and Surgeon, he had the advantage of serving under Doc^{r}

Sprague, one of the best practitioners on the Continent, and do heartily recommend him to the Committee for employment —

I am Gen^{t}. with great respect
y^{r} most hum^{l} Servt
H. Jackson

[R. 5–9]

Vote of Congress concerning Suits at Law.

In Provincial Congress at Exeter June 8 1775

This body having taken into consideration the great stagnation of trade and the difficulty to which their constituants are reduced by the unhappy dispute with Great Brittain as to the turning either their real or personal Estates into Cash think it necessary to recommend for the present all possible lenity & forbearence in Creditors towards those who may stand indebted to them & that they avoid multiplying suits at Law & especially the carrying them to such length as the levying Execution on real Estates which must in this case (in our apprehension) be sold much below the real value — we must particularly recommend this lenity & forbearance in refference to such who have or may ingage as officers & soldiers in the defence of the invaded rights & liberties of America — And we further recommend to Debtors all possible care & endeavor to discharge to the utmost of their power all just demands upon them.

Voted & a copy sent to the press June 8 1775

A list of Capt. Samuel Gilman's Company, June 6th. 1775.

[Copied from original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

NAMES	Age	Occupation	Place of abode.	County to which they belong
Capt. Saml Gilman				
Lt. Benjamin Kimbel				
Lt. Harvey Moore				
Robert Pike Junr	28	Husbandman	Newmarket	Rockingham
John Colcord	28	ditto	ditto	ditto
Eliphalet Neal	23	Joiner	ditto	ditto
Joseph Chapman	22	Husbandman	ditto	ditto
William Badger	23	Ship Wright	ditto	ditto

NAMES	Age	Occupation	Place of abode.	County to which they belong
Ward Cotton Weeks	21	Cloathier	Newmarket	Rockingham
Jeremiah Foss	21	Husbandman	ditto	ditto
James Goodwin	50	ditto	ditto	ditto
John Mason	30	ditto	ditto	ditto
William Benton	31		ditto	ditto
Jonathan Robinson	30	Cooper	ditto	ditto
William Simpson	33	Ship Wright	ditto	ditto
Gideon Wiggin	25	Husbandman	ditto	ditto
Barnabas McBride	39		ditto	ditto
Jon[a] Stone Dudley	21	Cordwainer	ditto	ditto
Thomas Haniford	30	Tailor	ditto	ditto
Levi Chapman	20	Husbandman	ditto	ditto
Joseph Bean	22	ditto	ditto	ditto
Elisha Thomas	26	ditto	ditto	ditto
James Kiniston	26	ditto	ditto	ditto
Dudley Leavit Chase	24	Marriner	Stratham	ditto
Joseph Boynton	22	ditto	Stratham	ditto
Harvey Moore	33	Husbandman	ditto	ditto
John Marvel	20	Husbandman	Stratham	Rockingham
Samuel Leavit Ju[n]	17	ditto	ditto	ditto
Edward Mason	19	ditto	ditto	ditto
Eliphalet Veasey	27	ditto	ditto	ditto
Edw[d] Chase	21	ditto	ditto	ditto
Joseph Clark	22	ditto	ditto	ditto
Thomas Wiggin	33	ditto	ditto	ditto
Gideon Knight	21	Blacksmith	Newmarket	ditto
Edward Fox	19	Cordwainer	Lee	Strafford
Solomon Smith	41	Husbandman	Stratham	Rockingham
Jon[a] Leavit	24	Husbandman	Stratham	ditto
Phinehas Wiggin	18	ditto	ditto	ditto
Joshua Veasey	21	ditto	ditto	ditto
Benj[a] Barker	19	Husbandman	ditto	ditto
David Robinson	22	ditto	ditto	ditto
Andrew Neale	18	ditto	ditto	ditto
Thomas Veasey	25	ditto	ditto	ditto
Zebulon Doe	26	Cloathier	Newmarket	ditto
Arthur Bennet	52	Husbandman	ditto	ditto

Total Rank & file Exclusive of officers 42.
James Morison 25 Newmarket Husbandman is to go.

Jn° Hilton
Noah Marsh
Robert Mitchell
Edward Calkert
Reuben Roberts, Negro
Benj^a Robinson
} Not accepted.

[Captain Gilman's Company was in Colonel Poor's Regiment. See Vol. XIV. p. 134.— Ed.]

June 12th 1775. *A list of the Men Inlisted in Capt. Gilman's Comp'y, & Returned by Lt. Benj^a Kimball.*

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NAMES	Age	Occupation	Place of abode	County to which they belong
James Huse	30	Husbandman	Plastow	Rockingham
Moses Bradly	26	Cooper	ditto	ditto
Moses Bly	24	Husbandman	ditto	ditto
Eliphalet Woodward	19	ditto	ditto	ditto
Jonathan Heath	21	ditto	ditto	ditto
Enoch Heath	20	ditto	ditto	ditto
Moses Davis	21	ditto	ditto	ditto
Thomas Hale	19	ditto	ditto	ditto
Benjamin Knight	19	ditto	Atkinson	ditto
Jonathan Sawyer	18	ditto	ditto	ditto
Eliphalet Emery	21	ditto	ditto	ditto
Solomon Howard	19	ditto	ditto	ditto
Thomas Wood	45	ditto	Atkinson	ditto
Job Rowell	36	ditto	Hampstead	ditto
Nehemiah West	32	ditto	Brintwood	ditto
Joseph Tallent	23	Husbandman	Pelham	ditto
Sippio ——	27	ditto	Plastow	ditto
Archelus ——	22	ditto	ditto	ditto
Robin	23	ditto	Sandown	ditto
Joseph Clough	25	ditto	Salem	ditto
Joseph Sawyer	24	do	Hampstead	do
John Sleeper	30	do	N. Salem	do
Jonathan Severance	18	do	Kingstown	do

present Rank & file 16 — 4 absent — Sippio, Archelous & Robbin 3 Negros present Effective Able Bodied Men, but they are Slaves — Inlisted by Consent of their Masters —

the aforesaid Men were all Mustered, reviewed & sworn (except the three Negroes) at the times above mentioned by me

Sam[l] Hobart M. Master.

Officers received their Commissions 18th June. Captain & Ensign sworn.

A List of Capt. Clough's Company, June 13, 1775.

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MEN'S NAMES	Age	Ocupation	place of abode.	County.
Cap[t] Jeremiah, Clough	36		Canterbury	Rockingham
Lie[u] Aaron Sanborn	32		Sanbornton	Staford
Ens[n] Thomas Lyford	35		do	do
Sej[r] Josiah Chase	33	Physician	Canterbury	Rockingham
Sej[r] Samuel Chamberlain	25	Husbandman	Louden	do
Sej[r] Jonathan Hath	35	do	Canterbury	do
Drum[r] Simeon Robinson	23	Husbandman	Canterbury	Rockingham
Simon Sanborn	19	do	do	do
Joseph Clough	19	do	do	do
Thomas Drake	33	do	Louden	do
Richard Hanes	26	Cooper	Canterbury	do
John Curry	21	Husbandman	do	do
Marstarn Morrill	24	do	Louden	do
Nathan Tayler	20	do	Sanbornton	Stafford
Elisha Cate	21	do	do	do
Will[m] Thompson	21	do	do	do
Leroy Hunt	21	do	do	do
Philip Hunt J[r]	18	do	do	do
William Hays J[r]	24	do	do	do
Jonathan Thomas	34	Cordwainer	do	do
Jacob Tilton	26	Husbandman	do	do
Jacob Garland	21	do	do	do
John Lary	20	do	do	do
William Tayler	18	do	do	do
James Sherbon	24	do	Canterbury	Rockingham

MEN'S NAMES	Age	Occupation	place of abode.	County.
William Forrest, 3d	22	Husbandman	Canterbury	Rockingham
Ebenezer Chandler	21	do	do	do
John Peterson	21	Joiner	do	do
Obediah Clough	21	Husbandman	do	do
John Moody Gilman	32	do	New Britton	Hillsborough
Enoch Gibson	23	do	Canterbury	Rockingham
Joseph Smith	28	do	Sanbonton	Stafford
George Shepard	34	do	Canterbury	Rockingham
Phinehas Stevens	24	do	Tamworth	Stafford
Samuel Hanes	28	Blacksmith	Canterbury	Rockingham
David Blanchard	20	Husbandman	do	do
Humphrey Colby	34	do	do	do
James Gibson Jr	19	do	do	do
John Glines	21	do	Tamworth	Stafford
Shubael Derborn	21	do	Canterbury	Rockingham
Nathaniel Derborn	24	do	do	do
Joseph Chandler	23	do	Moultonborough	Stafford
Jonathan Foster	26	do	Canterbury	Rockingham
Winthrop Clough	36	do	Moult'boro'	Stafford
Jeremiah Gibson	25	do	Canterbury	Rockingham
John Dearborn	19	do	do	do
Moses Head	37	do	Tamworth	Stafford
Joshua Weeks	27	do	Louden	Rockingham
Ely Simons	40	do	Canterbury	do
Elkener Danford	25	do	Tamworth	Stafford
John Robinson	36	do	Sanbornton	do
Andrew Cumings	26	do	Moultonborough	do
Daniel Ward	25	Tayler	do	do
Benjamin Eaton	19	Husbandman	Meredith	do
Aaron Rolings	21	do	do	do
Thomas Dorkom	21	do	do	do
Moses Danford	21	do	Sanbornton	do
Ebenezer Eastman	29	do	do	do
Stephen Riggs	24	do	do	do
Pearson Smith	20	do	Meredith	do
William Glines 3d	24	do	Canterbury	Rockingham
Tony Sanborn	32	do	Salisbury	Hillsborough
Daniel Gale	27	Blacksmith	Sanbornton	Stafford

Total Officers and Rank and File 63 which were Mustered, Receiv^{d} & Sworn all except Daniel Gale who Declined taking the oath — by me Henry Gerrish Muster Master.

June ye 13th 1775

[Captain Clough's Company was in Colonel Poor's Regiment. See Vol. XIV. p. 143. — Ed.]

A list of Capt. Jon^{a} Wentworth's Comp^{y} June 13, 1775.

[Copied from original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

MEN'S NAMES.	Age.	Occupation	Place of abode	County.
Capt Jon^{n} Wentworth			Summerworth	Strafford
Lt. James Karr			do	do
Ens. Jethro Heard			Dover	do
Benjn Wentworth 3^{d}	41	Husbandman	Summersworth	do
Samuel Nute	25	do	Rochester	do
Aaron Stevens	38	Cordwainer	Somersworth	do
George Roberts	24	Husbandm^{n}	do	do
√ Andrew Horn J^{r}	20	Blacksmith	do	do
Eben^{r} Chesle	21	Joiner	Rochester	do
Saml Merrow	24	Husb^{n}	do	do
James Chamberlin	21	do	Rochester	do
John Phillpot	19	Husb^{n}	do	do
Nathaniel Perkins	20	do	Rochester	do
Nathl Wentworth	29	Husb^{n}	Middletown	do
Wentworth Ricker	22	Husb^{n}	Somth	do
Gershom Downs	22	do	do	do
Elijah Buzzel	23	do	Middletown	do
Joseph Ellis	21	do	do	do
Daniel Alley	40	do	Rochester	do
Ephraim Alley	44	do	do	do
Francis Roberts	22	Joiner	Somth	do
Saml Kendal J^{r}	19	Husb^{n}	do	do
√ Caleb Horn	20	do	do	do
Cunningham McCutchen	29	do	Barrington	do
Joseph Kennison	30	do	Lebanon	York [Me.]
Josiah Durgin	28	do	Newdurham	Strafford
Nathl Farnam	23	Husb^{n}	Lebanon	York [Me.]

MEN'S NAMES.	Age.	Occupation	Place of abode	County.
James Wentworth	21	Carpenter	Somth	Strafford
David Doe	24	Husb^{n}	New D'ha^{m}	do
Eben^{r} Perkins	25	do	Middletown	do
Joshua Merrow	22	do	Rochester	do
James Berry	20	do	do	do
William Stevens	20	do	Lebanon	York [Me.]
Absolom Stacpole	20	Taylor	Dover	Strafford
Eben^{r} Horn J^{r}	23	Husb^{n}	Dover	Strafford
Nathaniel Willand	25	do	do	do
John Hanson	20	do	do	do
Daniel Cook	19	do	do	do
John Gage	24	do	do	do
Jon^{a} Whitehouse	20	do	do	do
Jason Chamberlin	19	Taylor	Rochester	do
Saml Palmer	20	Husb^{n}	do	do
Eliakim Miller	21	Joiner	Somth	do
Enoch Ricker	22	Husb^{n}	do	do
Peter Grant	20	do	do	do
Charles Stacpole	30	do	do	do
Hatival Roberts	20	do	do	do
Thos Roberts	27	Joiner	do	do
Henry Stacpole	19	Cordwiner	do	do
George Burnham	26	Joyner	do	do
Joshua Edgerly	24	Yeom^{n}	Wakefield	do
John Edwards	26	Yeoman	Somerswth	do
Caleb Wentworth	21	Joyner	do	do

present Rank & file 50, which are able Bodied, effective men, Mustered, received & sworn by me

Saml Hobart M. Master.

The following were mustered before the Committee & Sworn June 20th 1775

MEN'S NAMES.	Age	Place of abode	Occupation	County.
Jedediah Wentworth	24	Berwick	Blacksmith	of York
Joshua Grant	22	Somersworth	husbandman	Strafford
Richd Lord	19	Berwick	Cordwainer	York
Saml Grant	28	Somersworth	husbandn	Strafford
Stephen Berry	45	Rochester	husbandman	Do
Solomon Leighton	36	Damariscotta	husbandman	
Ephraim Berry	42	Rochester	husbandman	Strafford
William Young	21	New D'ham	Do	Do
Willowby Goodwin	42	Somersworth	Mason	Do
Thomas Gardner	27	Providence	Baker	Rhode Island
Ephraim Randell	21	Somersworth	husbandman	Strafford

[Captain Wentworth's Company was in Colonel Poor's Regiment. See Vol. XIV. p. 125. — Ed.]

[R. 5–10] [*Aaron Page's Expenses.*]

Account of my Expences from Medford to Kensington and Exeter for Blankets for the Soldiers by order of Capt Wint Rowe

To Toddy and Oats	£0. 3. 6
To a Supper Lodging & horse keeping	0. 15. 6
To Brackfast and Oats	0. 7. 6
To Toddy & Oats	0. 4. 6
To Horse Ferriage	0. 3. 0
To Toddy & Oats	0. 3. 0
To my self & horse Ferriage	0. 3. 0
To Drink & Oats	0. 3. 0
To Supper Lodging & horse keeping	0. 14. 6
To Brackfast and Oats	0. 7. 0
To Horse keeping	0. 18. 0
To a Journey for my Horse	3. 0. 0
Massachusetts Old Tenor	£7. 2. 6

June 23 ye 1775 Errors Excepted

Aaron Page

Lawful Money

£0. 19. 0

Abraham Sanborn Ensign.

Received the Contents of Sam : Brooks

Aaron Page.

[Aaron Page, of Kensington, was a private in Capt. Winthrop Rowe's Company, Poor's Regiment.— Ed.]

[R. 5–11]

[*Staff Officers Recommended for Poor's Regiment*, 1775.]

At a Meeting of the Field officers of the Second Reg^{t} of the New Hampshire Forces under the Command of General Folsom — It is Recommended to the Committee of Safty (if they see cause) to appoint the following Gentlemen as staff officers in said Regiment — vizt

The Rever^{d} Mr Sterns of Ipping	Chaplain
Doct^{r} Caleb Greenleaf Adams	1st Surgeon
	Surgeons Mate
Samuel Gilman Junr Esq.	Quarter Master
Jerem^{h} Fogg	Adjutant
Edward Pairsons	Brigade Major
	Enoch Poor
	John McDufce
	Jo^{s}. Cilley Junr

[A pen was drawn across the names of Gilman and Parsons in the original.— Ed.]

[R. 5–12] [*Captain Thornton Recommended.*]

To the Committee of Safety appointed by the Colony of new Hampshire or the Congress of said Colony — Gentlemen whereas we are Informed the Honourable Congress appointed that there should be a Company of men Raised in this County for the Saftey of the Fronteer Towns and that part of said Company is to be Raised out of this Regiment we would Recommend Capt Matthew Thornton as a Man Shutable we Think to Inlist said Company and a man that we Can Depend upon in the graitest Troble or Destress which if your Honours Thought proper to give him orders for so Dowing we Think that he Could Raise a Company in a Short Time and it would give Sattysfaction to the new Towns heare and oblidge your Hum^{ble} Sert^{s}.

plymouth June 23 — 1775

David Hobart
David Webster
Saml Sheperd

[The foregoing relates to Matthew Thornton, of the town of Thornton, who was arrested in 1777 for Toryism. He enlisted a company as per the following roll, recently found by the editor in Washington. — Ed.]

A Musterole of the Compeny Enlisted by Matthew Thornton, Capt. A. D. 1775.

[Copied from original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

MEN'S NAMS	Ages	Towns	Date of Enlistnt.	MEN'S NAMS.	Ages	Towns	Date of Enlistm't
James Gold, Cordwinder	32	Cockermouth	July 10, 1775	Thomas Crawford, farmer	26	New Chaster	July 11
Joseph Hatch, Farmer	31	Thornton	10	Zebediah Richadson, far	23	New Chaster	11
Stephen Bethel, Yeam	25	Thornton	10	Jonathan Crawford, farmr	28	New Chaster	11
Andrew Meele, Blacksh	30	Thornton	10	Thomas Nevens, farmr	27	Cockermouth	11
John Riont, Farmer	32	Thornton	10	Ebenezer Sandborn, Cordr	26	Havarhill	July 12
Solomon Todd, Farmer	23	Thornton	10	Hugh Miller, farmer	36	Nebury	12
Daniel Torrey, Yeaman	22	Thornton	10	David Ladd, farmer	26	Pearmount	12
Hanry Salinham, farmer	34	Thornton	10	Caleb Patting, Yeaman	19	Haverhill	12
Duncan McGreeger, Yeaman	24	Thornton	10	William Abbot, Yeaman	17	Haverhill	12
John Wallace, Cordwinder	44	Thornton	10	Dan. Bishop, Yeaman	18	Haverhill	12
Moses Luttulton, Yeaman	23	Campton	10	Beniah Hall, Yeaman	22	Haverhill	12
Thomas Ramsy, farmer	23	Rumny	10	Job Molton, Yeaman	26	Bath	12
Charles Clarck, farmer	26	Rumny	10	John Bedeel, farmer	31	Bath	12
Daniel Branerd, Yeaman	21	Rumny	10	John Lapesh, Yeaman	27	Bath	12
Isaiah Bachelder, farmer	21	Rumny	10	James Wasson, Yeaman	17	Haverhill	12
Thomas Petts, farmer	36	Rumny	10	John Sayor, farmer	46	Nubury	12
Siles Brown, farmer	27	Plymouth	July 11	Beubes Petters, farmer	31	Nubury	12
Samuel Drue, Yeaman	19	Plymouth	11	James mcLaughlan far	44	Nubury	12
Samuel Wallace, Yeaman	22	Plymouth	11	David Davis, Yeaman	21	Nubury	12
William Greeno, farmer	22	Plymouth	11	Jacob Gates, Yeaman	21	Pearmount	12
James Whitting, farmer	19	Plymouth	11	Enos Bishop, Yeaman	19	Haverhill,	12
				David Dagee, farmer	22	Haverhill	12
				Tottell 43			

July 24, 1775. This may Certyfy that the above Men Enlisted by Lut. Matw. Thornton ware Musterd and sworn this day by me.

Jona Child, M. Master.

[Newbury mentioned in foregoing is Newbury, Vermont. — Ed.]

[*Expenses of the Committee of Safety.*]

The Committey of Saftey to Sam[el] Folsom Dr.

1775 May 19	to 4 Boles of Punch	£0.	4.	9
20	to the Expences of Col[o] Garish & Col[o] Sawyer	0.	6.	6
	to one Bottel of medaro wine	0.	4.	0
	to 2 Boles of Punch	0.	2.	5
22	to 2 Boles of Punch & Paper	0.	2.	9
23	to one bole of Punch 1/3[d]	0.	1.	3
24	to one Bole of Punch 1/3 Paper 3[d]	0.	1.	6
25	to one bole of Brandey Punch	0.	1.	4
June 2	to 2 Boles of Brandy Punch	0.	2.	8
the 6th	to one Bole of Brandy Punch	0.	1.	4
the 7th	two Boles Punch	0.	2.	3
6th	by the Expences of M[r] Smith of the Congress	0.	3.	11
7	to 2 Boles of Punch	0.	2.	5
8	to 1 bole & ½ of brandy Todey	0.	1.	3
	& 2 boles of brandy Punch	0.	2.	8
9	to thre boles of Punch 3/9 the 27 Teemsters 1/5	0.	5.	2
		£2.	6.	2

Col[o] Thornton to bording expences & Horskeeping from May 17[th] 1775 to July 6[th]	7.	14.	6
Col[o] Nat Folsom to Expences	1.	6.	9
Col[o] Josiah Bartlet's Expences to July 6[th]	5.	10.	2
Cap[t] William Whippel's Expences to July 6[th]	5.	8.	5
Doc[t] Ebnzer Tomsons Expences to July 6[th]	5.	10.	7
W[m] Parcker Esq[r]s Expences to July 6[th]	0.	17.	10
Cap[t] Josiah Moltens Expences	0.	18.	1
Col[o] [Samuel] Ashleys Expences to June 29[th]	3.	0.	8
the Rev[t] M[r] Webster to Expences	0.	2.	5
Esq[r] [Israel] Mooreys Expences to July 6[th]	5.	16.	3
	£38.	12.	10

July 28	Col[l] Bartlet Dr.	0.	7.	8½	0.	15.	5
	Doct Thomson	0.	7.	8½			
	Esq[r] Parcker	0.	3.	6	0.	5.	3
	Cap[t] Molten	0.	1.	9			
	Cap[t] Whipel	0.	5.	6	0.	15.	1½
	Esq[r] Moorey	0.	9.	7½			
	Col[o] [Meshech] Were					6.	3½
					£40.	14.	1

Exeter July 6th 1775 — Erros Excepted ℘ Sam[l] Folsom
July 8th 1775 — Received an order on the Receiver General for the full of this account.

pr Sam[l] Folsom

[*Copied from Bedel Papers belonging to the N. H. Historical Society, page* 31.]

To the paymaster appointed or to be appointed for y[e] first Comp[y] of Rangers in y[e] Colony of New Hampshire for y[e] payment of the Billeting money now Du or that shall be hereafter Du to either and each of us pay the same to Israel Morey Esq[r] or his order for value Rec[d] July 27th 1775 —

16/5 Joseph Fifield	Uriah Stone
15/3 Joseph Hadley	Silvanus Owen
12/ Benjamin Martin	Elnathan Palmer
36/3 John Lovern	Amos Rich
38/1 Thomas Caprin	

[Ibid. p. 32.]

S[t]. Johns Nov[r]. 2, 1775 — Rec[d] of Colonel Timothy Bedel the sum of Sixty seven pounds Lawful money for the use of my C[o]. which is to remain in Canaday the winter coming for which I promise to account for to s[d] Bedel with use till paid as witness my hand.

Attest Timothy Curtis Cha[s] Nelson Cap[t]

[*Colonel Bedel's Marching Orders, copied from Hibbard Collection, in N. H. Historical Society's vault. Vol. IV. p.* 85.]

Colony of New Hamp[r] — In Congress August 29th. 1775

Resolved — That Col[o] Timothy Bedel, with all the Rangers in this Colony under his Command March (without loss of time,) to Haverhill at Cooss, where they will receive Ten days Provisions — & from thence march as soon as may be to the mouth of Onion River, in order to join the Army under the Command of Major Gen[l] Schuyler, or the Commander in chief of said Army, & there to observe & obey such orders as they shall receive from the Commander in Chief of said Army, for the time being

Extract from the Minutes of Congress

attest E. Thompson Secre[y]

[Ibid.]

St. Johns October 12th 1775

Recd of Colol. Timothy Bedel Two Hundred Pounds One Shilling and Nine Pence Lawful Money for the use of the Men under my Command which I Promise to be accountable for as witness my hand

£200. 1. 9 Noah Philps.

[R. 5–15] [*Israel Morey's Orders for pay for Blankets.*]

Plymouth 5th Septr 1775

Sir pay to Mr Samuel Emerson ten Pounds Lawfull Money on acct of Blankets he has D'd to part of Capt Osgood Comp'y of Rangers and Place to the acct of the Colony of New Hampshire

Israel Morey

To the Committee of Supplys for said Colony Dn Samuel Brooks Treasurer of said Committee £10. 0. 0

Pay the Contents of the within order to Mr Noyes Hobkinson

Saml Emerson

1775 Septem 23 Received of Saml Brooks the within order in full

Noyes Hopkinson

[R. 5–16]

Haverhill Co'os head quarts 7th Septr 1775

Sir pay to Mr John Bayley or order thirty six pounds Lawfull money being money Lent me by Mr Bayley to pay of ye Soilders Blanket money Rangers under Col Bedel &c and Place the same to the acct of ye Colony of New Hampshire

Israel Morey

To Dn Samuel Brooks Trear of the Committee of Supplys for said Colony in Exeter —

P. S pay Mr Bayley for what he is obliged to go out of his way from this to Newbury to get the money

I. Morey

September 14, 1775 Received the contents in full of Saml Brooks

John Bayly.

Received five shillings for extraordinary expence in coming to Exeter and tarrying one night for the money of Sam Brooks

John Bayly

[R. 5-17]

Haverhill Co'os Head qurtrs Sep^{t} 8th 1775

Sir pay to Capt Thomas Johnson or order thirteen Pounds Lawfull money it being money Lent me by said Johnson for payment of Blankets &c for ye Rangers Command^{d} by Col Bedel and place to the acct of the Colony of New Hamp^{r}

Israel Morey

To the Committee of Supplys for said Colony Dr Samuel Brooks Exeter

[Endorsed] Thomas Johnson

September 14 1775 Received the contents in full of Saml Brooks

John Bayly

[*Massachusetts Price fixed for Blankets.*]

This may certify that the Price fixed for the Blankets by the late Congress, for the Soldiers was twelve shillings lawful money —

Watertown Sept. 11, 1775 Att. Saml Freeman Sec^{y}

[R. 5-18]

[*Statement of Grievances, Colonel Moor's Regiment.*]

To Colonel Daniel Moor of Bedford —

Worthy Sir We the subscribers inhabitants of several different towns in your Regiment who was Nominated and chosen for officers in the same ; Take this opportunity to make known to your Honour some of our grievances wherein we are Depriv^{d} of our Libertys.

About the 20th of August last we met at Mr Kelleys innholder in Goffestown (which no Doubt S^{r} you remember very well) in order to Chuse our field officers which we effected : and Chose Col John Stark Chief Co^{l}. your self Lieu^{t} Co^{l} one Mr Gilman first Maj^{r} Lieu^{t} Saml Caldwell Second Ditto which was all Returned to the Honor^{bl} Congress for their Confirmation. But for wise ends they saw cause to seet Co^{l} Stark aside which made room for the advancement of all the rest of our choice which was done by said Congress : Lieu^{t} Caldwell onley excepted and seet aside : and others put in his place : that we never had any Consairn with, nor never Desins to have : Which Doings we look upon an imposition upon him, but moore so upon us (Pray wheres the Liberty so much talk^{d} of now a days)

Therefore resolved: that if the said Caldwell (which was our Choice) is not put into the vacancy that was maid by the advancment of the rest: we for our part shall Decline having any Consairn in said regiment under any other person thats put in that place:

Therefore s^r we recommend it to you to use your influence to get our Choice established: and if done we your friends and humble Servt will serve cheerfully if required —

Ye 15th September 1775

Capt Georg Haddley } Wear
Nathaniel Fifield }
Isaac Lewis } Francestown
Benj^a Sleeper }

Capt John Duncan, Society [Land]
Capt George Cristy } Newboston
Lieu^t Jesse Cristey }
Thomas Caldwell, Dunbarton

[R. 5–20] [*John Penhallow's Bill.*]

Portsmouth Octr 12, 1775.

George King Esq. Bou^t. of John Penhallow

3 m 4^d. Nails a 3/ — £ 0. 9. 0

delivered for Cooperages Casks belong^g to the Ship Prince Georges Cargo L. money

Received the Contents ℘ John Penhallow

[George King had charge of the confiscated cargo of said ship, which consisted principally of flour, belonging to the province. — Ed.]

[R. 5–21] [*Dr. Samuel Connor's Petition.*]

To the Honble The Congress of the Colony of New Hampshire Sitting at Exeter October 31^t. 1775. —

Humbly Shews Samuel Connor That about the First of August last past your Petitioner being Zealous in the Cause of this Country, & hearing that many of our Friends the Soldiers at the Camp were sick with the Camp Distemper (so called) in the cure of which he hath had good & happy experience. — He Travelled to the Camps, and there had the happiness, under God, to cure many of the Soldiers, by means of his own procuring, without cost to the Colony or to the Patients, and Lived there six Weeks at his own Expence, untill his medicines were all used, and in the meantime your Petitioner had

a horse strayed or stolen from him, at the Camps, of the price of Fifty Dollars, which he has not heard of since — That your Petitioner has not received any Pay for his said Medicines & administration, excepting some, about Fourteen out of A Hundred & Thirteen — Nor hath he received any satisfaction for his said Horse — That your Petitioner is Poor & Indigent, and unable to be further serviceable to the sick or to himself unless helped by your hon^{rs} —

Wherefore he humbly Prays your Hon^{rs} to Consider the Circumstances of unhappy case and Grant him such releif as your hon^{rs} in your Wisdom & Clemency shall see fit — and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall pray &c

Samuel Connor

These may certifie whom it may concern that I the subscriber being in company with Doc^{t}. John Lampson last war when the said Lampson was D^{r} of the New Hampshire Regiment I asked the said Doc^{t}. Lampson if Doc^{t} Samuel Connor was of any service among the sick in the camps, to which he the said Doc^{t}. Lampson replied that he the said Conor had been very servicable in the Camp Disorder for he believed that he had helped several that he knew not what to Do For. —

Saml Gilman Jr.

Exeter 31st. Oct^{o}. 1775. —

[In House of Representatives, January 29, 1776, a vote was passed allowing Samuel Connor £6.1.1. — Ed.]

[R. 5–22]

[*Service of South Hampton Men at Fort Washington.*]

Fort Washington Nov. 14th 1775.

Gent. In consequence of a requisition from the Committee of The town of Portsmouth to ye Committee of Southampton the Bearer Capt William Cooper with eleven Men came to our assistance and Tarried seven Days in the month of September last during which we can without any desparagement to ye rest of our brethren observe no company behaved themselves better — which time they Generously Give to their Country — In the late movement Capt Cooper Brot to our assistance seventeen men and Tarried with us Ten days Owing to his not making a seasonable Return to the commanding officer we find they are likely to be excluded from Receiving their wages in Consequence of a Resolve of the Honour-

able Congress — wherefore we think it but Just & Reasonable they should Receive their wages in common with other companys — We are Gent your most

obedt Hbl Servts Ezekiel Worthen
Titus Salter

To the Honourable the Provencial Congress at Exeter

N. B. a True Copy with Respect to time

Attest Joseph Leigh

[R. 5–23]

[*Order to Israel Morey to forward Money to Col. Bedel in Canada.*]

In Committee of Safety Exeter Novemr 18th 1775.

To Israel Morey Esqr — Whereas by order of this Committee you have this day drawn Three Hundred Pounds L. M. in Gold & Silver out of the Treasury of this Colony for the Purpose of supplying the Troops under the Command of Coll Bedel now in Canada. You are directed to employ two persons at Cohos whom you esteem faithful and of ability sufficient to account for the money to carry said money to Canada and deliver it to Coll Bedel, taking a Receipt of him that he will account therefor —

[R. 5–24]

[*Captain Gordon Hutchins's Account for procuring Guns, &c.*]

State of New Hampshire — To Gordon Hutchins Dr.

1775 May	To horse hire from Medford to Exeter & from thence to Concord 85 miles @ 2d	£ — 14. 2
	To Do. from Concord to Canterbury 10 miles	— 1. 8
	To Do. from Concord to Warner 12 miles	— 2. —
	The above Journeys was made to get arms by order of the Congress of this State —	
	To a Man, Horse, & Carriage 4 Days to carry the arms to Medford	1.19.11
	To Expences for the Man & horse	— 12. —
	To my Expences in the above Journeys	1.10. —
1777 July	To myself & horse from Concord to the Committee of Safety at Exeter on acct of apprehending Deserters from Ticonderoga	1.15. 4
		£ 6.15. 1

Exeter November 25, 1777 Errors Excepted —

Gordon Hutchins

In the House of Representatives Novr 26th 1777. The Truth & Justice of the above account was sworn to by Col Hutchins

att. N. Emery Cl^{e} D. R

The above Sum of Six pounds fifteen shillings & one penny was paid, as appears by the Treasurers book —

Att. Joseph Pearson D. Sec'y

A List of Officers & Men Belonging to Fort Sullivan. Eliphlet Daniel Commandor. [1775.]

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Date		MENS NAMES		Date		MENS NAMES	
Oct^{r}.	18	Eliphlet Daniel	Captn.	Nov^{br}.	22	Willi^{m} Thrasher	Private
Oct^{r}.	9	Andrew Marshall	Lieu^{t}.	Nov^{br}.	22	George Carpenter	
Oct^{r}.	31	Jacob Clarke	Secd. Ditto	Nov^{br}.	23	Saml. Clarke	
Oct^{r}	18	John Payn	third Ditto	Nov^{br}.	2	Benjn. Peverly.	
Nov^{br}.	13	Stacy Hall	Serjant.	Nov^{br}.	22	Willi^{m}. Hackadey	
Nov^{br}.	13	John Tucker	Ditto	Nov^{br}.	9	Nathl. Church	
Nov^{br}.	6	Ebenezer Janvrin	Ditto	Nov^{br}.	23	Willi^{m} James.	
Nov^{br}.	13	Amoss Williams	Ditto	Nov^{br}.	22	Andrew Young.	
Oct^{r}	27	Rich^{d}. Wilson	Gunner	Nov^{br}.	6	John James	
Oct^{r}.	27	Thom^{s}. Palmer	Do. Mate	Nov^{br}.	17	Luke Foster	
Nov^{br}.	3	Archi^{d}. Fergirson	— Ditto	Nov^{br}.	20	Thom^{s}. Priest, Junr.	
Nov^{br}.	26	George Waters	Drummer.	Nov^{br}.	3	Partrick Lilless	
Dec^{r}.	2	Joseph Ham	Armourer	Nov^{br}.	3	Alexa^{r}. Kirkwood	
Dec^{r}.	2	Benjn Ham	Ditto Boy.	Nov^{br}.	4	Joseph Redman	
Oct^{r}.	31	John Campbell	Private	Nov^{br}.	9	Samuel Banfill	
Nov^{br}.	15	John Ovendon		Nov^{br}.	21	Jacob Randell	
Oct^{r}.	31	Thom^{s}. Priest.		Nov^{br}.	22	George King	
Nov^{br}.	24	John Gunnison		Nov^{br}.	6	Willi^{m} Moses	
Nov^{br}.	3	Willi^{m} Claridge		Nov^{br}.	8	Benjn Leach	
Nov^{br}.	24	Willi^{m}. Lewis		Nov^{br}.	28	Stephen Wille	
Nov^{br}.	25	Ezral Whetton		Nov^{br}.	24	John Dam	
Nov^{br}.	27	John Burbank		Nov^{br}.	28	Winthrop Bickford	
Nov^{br}.	13	Jacob Larry.		Nov^{br}.	24	John Folsom	
Nov^{br}.	3	Willi^{m}. Gowen		Nov^{br}.	25	Jacob Nason	
Nov^{br}.	13	Saml. Odiorne		Nov^{br}.	24	David Langley	
Nov^{br}.	21	Willi^{m}. Walker.		Nov^{br}.	27	Soloman Clarke	
Nov^{br}.	20	Joshua Huntriss		Nov^{br}.	9	Thom^{s}. Francis.	
Nov^{br}.	24	James Willing.		Nov^{br}.	14	George Young, Dis	chd the 14th
Nov^{br}.	8	Joseph Winkell.		Nav^{br}.	4	Nathl. Woodman	of December
Nov^{br}.	22	Saml. Ball.		Nov^{br}.	9	Benjn. Stubbs	
Nov^{br}.	13	Willi^{m}. Michell		Nov^{br}.	3	James McIntiar	
Nov^{br}.	25	Peter Tobey		Nov^{br}.	22	Rich^{d}. Wilson Junr.	
Nov^{br}.	28	John Stevans		Nov^{br}.	21	Joseph Stevans.	
Nov^{br}.	8	Nathl. Mendom		Dec^{br}.	8	Willi^{m}. Chiles.	
Nov^{br}.	27	Simon Tobey.		Dec^{br}.	14	Joseph Shaw.	

A Muster Role of the Field Artilery Company under the Care and direction of Hall Jackson

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MENS NAMES	Time of Enlistment	When Discharged	Time of Servise
Leiut William Yeaton	Oct. 27	November 11	15 days
Leiut Ebenezer Dearing	Ditto 28	Ditto 11	14 Ditto
Leiut John Marden	Ditto 29	Ditto 11	13 Ditto
Serg^{t}. Saml Hutchings	Ditto 29	Ditto 11	13 Ditto
Serg^{t} Benj^{a} Chandler	Ditto 27	Ditto 11	15 Ditto
Serg^{t} John Gardner	Ditto 27	Ditto 11	15 Ditto
Corpo. John Beck Junr	Ditto 29	Ditto 11	13 Ditto
Corpo. Ezekiel Pitman	Ditto 29	Ditto 11	13 Ditto
Corpo. Solomon Lowd	Ditto 30	Ditto 11	12 Ditto
Robt Chandler	Ditto 27	Ditto 11	15 Ditto
John Melcher	Ditto 29	Ditto 11	13 Ditto
Seth Walker	Ditto 29	Ditto 11	13 Ditto
Nathl. Pitman	Ditto 29	Ditto 11	13 Ditto
John Pitman	Ditto 29	Ditto 11	13 Ditto
Mark Chadburne	Ditto 29	Ditto 11	13 Ditto
Rich^{d}. Woods	Nov. 1	Ditto 11	10 Ditto
Richd Kitson	October 31	Ditto 11	11 Ditto
Saml. Elliott	Ditto 29	Ditto 11	13 Ditto
Cotton Mather Steavens	Ditto 29	Ditto 11	13 Ditto
James Sweat	Ditto 29	Ditto 11	13 Ditto
William Hart Junr	Ditto 29	Ditto 11	13 Ditto
John Redding	Ditto 29	Ditto 11	13 Ditto
John Barnes	Ditto 29	Ditto 11	13 Ditto
Thomas Sherburne	Ditto 29	Ditto 11	13 Ditto
Henry Snagg	Ditto 29	Ditto 11	13 Ditto
George Lowd	Ditto 29	Ditto 11	13 Ditto
Andrew Toombs	Ditto 30	Ditto 11	12 Ditto
Shackford Seaward	Ditto 30	Ditto 11	12 Ditto
Guppy Stoodly	Ditto 31	Ditto 11	11 Ditto
Edmund Butler	Ditto 30	Ditto 11	12 Ditto
Mark Pitman	Ditto 29	Ditto 11	13 Ditto
Danl. Jackson Junr Drumer	November 1	Ditto 11	10 Ditto
Geo. Jackson Junr	Ditto 1	Ditto 11	10 Ditto
Robt. Colefax	Ditto 2	Ditto 11	9 Ditto
Saml. Sherriff	Ditto 2	Ditto 11	9 Ditto

MENS NAMES	Time of Enlistment	When Discharged	Time of Servise
Ichabod Shorer	November 2	November 11	9 Ditto
John Hooker	Ditto 2	Ditto 11	9 Ditto
Geo. Trapthren	November 3	Nov. 11	8 Days
Joseph Tapley	Ditto 3	Ditto 11	8 Ditto
Winthrop Binnet	Ditto 3	Ditto 11	8 Ditto
John Deavenport	Ditto 3	Ditto 11	8 Days
Robt Fernald	Ditto 3	Ditto 11	8 Ditto

Portsm° November 13th 1775
Errors Excepted
℘ H. Jackson

A List of Capt. Stephen Clark's Company.

[Copied from original in Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D. C.]

	Stephen Clark, Capt. Elijah Densmore 1st Lieut. Simon Durbin 2nd Lieut. Josiah Tilton Ensign.		Jeremiah Sanborn Serjt. *Micah Davis Serjt. Edward Chapman do. Joseph Mason do. Cornelass Denbo do.
1	Moses Sanborn, Corporl.	16	Thomas Randell,
2	Nathaniel Daniels, do	17	William Bly,
3	John Carr, do	18	Josiah Durgin,
4	Thomas Robinson do.	19	David Woodman
5	Richard Shaw, Drumer	20	Samuel Jackson,
6	Robert Clerk,	21	Samuel Dam,
7	Enoch Runnills,	22	Soloman Crocket,
8	Elias Critchett,	23	Jubil Martin, (Negro man,)
9	Benjamin Hicks	24	David Killey,
10	Josiah Burley,	25	Joshua Burnham
11	Nathanl. Stevens,	26	Winthrop Frost,
12	Elijah York,	27	Franciss Ellot
13	Nathaniel Stevens, Junr,	28	Sidon Martin (Negro man)
14	Winthrop Smart,	29	Ebenezr. Curreyer
15	John Randell,	30	David Paige

* This name was crossed in original.

31	Thomas Clough,	52	John Wells,
32	John Beedy,	53	Nathaniel Sanborn,
33	Thomas Clark	54	Zebulen Dow,
34	Elisha Clark	55	Thomas Folsom
35	Josiah Towle	56	Jonathan Burley
36	Eli Furber,	57	Jonathan Canistone
37	Joseph Gale,	58	James Randlet,
38	Abreham Clark,	59	Nathaniel Parsons,
39	Josiah Dow,	60	Jacob Freese
40	Daniel Towle	61	Clemont Davis,
41	Chase Fogg,	62	Bradbury Sinkler
42	Samuel Fogg,	63	Joseph Purkins
43	Stephen Fogg,	64	Nathan Presscott,
44	Nathan White,	65	Sanders Carr,
45	Joseph White,	66	Joseph Presscott,
46	Benjamin Fox,	67	Clement Mudy
47	Enoch Ossgood	68	Ceaser Macling,
48	Theoph^{s} Stevens,	69	Jarel Hoyt,
49	Winthrop Dow,	70	Jethro Bachelder
50	John Purkins Junr,	71	Timothy Nokes,
51	Chase Ellkins,		

Portsm^{o} Novr 22, 1775.

To the Committee of Safety of the Colony of New Hampshire —

Gentlemen,

Agreeable to your Order, I have this day mustered These within named Persons, they being good Able-bodied & Effective men & well acoutered. Jo^{s}. Cilley, mustering mas.

[Captain Clark was of Epping. He went with a portion of these men to Winter Hill in December, 1775. See Vol. XIV. p. 242. — Ed.]

A List of Capt Joseph Parsons^{s} Company

[Copied from original in Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D. C.]

Joseph Parsons Capt	Abreham Libby, Serj$'^{t}$.
William Seavey 1st Lieu^{t}	Alixander Salter, d^{o}
Nathan^{l}. Gilman 2^{d} Lieu^{t}	Josiah Hall Bartlet, Serj$'^{t}$.
Samuel Walliss, Ensign,	Joseph Seavey D^{o}.

1 Simon Johnson Corpor[l].	4 Richard Webster Corpor[l].
2 Benjamin Lang d°	5 Joseph Marden, Drumer,
3 John Foss d°	6 Nathan[l] Marden, Fifer

7 Samuel Murry	30 Soloman Varrill	53 John Foye
8 Michael Dolton	31 John Varrill	54 James Randell
9 Nathan[l]. Tucker	32 Nathan[l]. Lear,	55 Semion Towle
10 George Randell	33 Michael Moulton	56 Lott Wedgewood
11 Isaac Remick	34 Abreham Mathis	57 Robert Mitchell
12 Joseph Hall	35 Benoni Rand	58 David Collcutt
13 John Blunt	36 Edward Varill	59 Jonathan Folsom
14 Mark Randell	37 Henery Shapley	60 John Bartlet
15 Richard Lock	38 Mark Foss	61 William Burly
16 James Seavey	39 William Trefatheren	62 David Wigings
17 John Sherborn	40 John Rand	63 Joseph Collcutt
18 Tobias Trunday	41 Edward Randall	64 Smith Chapman
19 John Rand	42 John Odiorn	65 Walter Meal
20 Samuel Rand	43 Nimshy Lock	66 Benjamin Stevens
21 Andrew Sherborn	44 Samuel Bary	67 Levi Pickering
22 Samuel Marden	45 Benjamin Mardin	68 Dudly Hillton
23 Jeremiah Bary	46 Joshua Rand	69 James Ryens
24 John Foss	47 James Seavey	70 Benjamin Randell
25 Samuel Rand, Ju[n].	48 Robert Morrison	71 Jonathan Mason
26 Elijah Lock	49 William Rand	72 Josiah Colcutt
27 John Lock	50 James Hutchings	73 James Pickering
28 George Foss	51 Nathan[l]. Bary	74 Samuel Ward
29 Daniel Moulton	52 James Libby	

Portsm° Nov[r] 22[d] 1775.

To the Committee of Safety of the Colony of New Hampshire

Gentlemen agreeable to your order I have this day mustered the within named Persons they being good able bodied and Effective men and well accoutred

Jo[s] Cilley Muster Master

[This is one of the companies of minute men, enlisted by order of the Committee of Safety of October 12, 1775, portions of which went to Winter Hill in December. See Vol. XIV. p. 242. — Ed.]

A List of Capt. Peter Coffin's Company.

[Copied from original in Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D. C.]

	Peter Coffin Capt. John Hall 1st Lieut. Simon Wiggin 2nd Lieut. James Sinclair Ensign.		Joshua Wingate Serj. John Thing Do. Thomas Gordon Do.
1	Nicholas Giles,	34	Ebenezer Baker,
2	Joseph Bennett	35	David Brewster,
3	Jonathan Chace	36	Robert Hunter,
4	Eliphalet Gilman	37	Josiah Beel,
5	Jno. Gilman	38	Josiah Allen
6	James Gordon	39	Taylor Clark
7	John Hill	40	Daniel Rollings
8	Willm. Hoyt,	41	Josiah Leavitt, Corpol.
9	Abraham Serref, Sergt.	42	Noah Jewett,
10	Elisha Smith	43	John Leavitt
11	Ebenezer Speed,	44	John Quinby
12	Josiah Wyatt, Corpol.	45	Thomas Calley,
13	Dudley Nicholles	46	Josiah Piper,
14	Simon Dearborn Wadley,	47	Joseph Mason, 3d
15	John Cotton,	48	John Sinclair,
16	Robert Lord, Junr.	49	Noah Wiggin,
17	James Rundlett,	50	Ward Mason,
18	Henry Barter,	51	Isaac Stockbridge
19	Benjamin Conner	52	John Smith,
20	Richard Dollof,	53	Simond Row,
21	Joseph Leavett,	54	Jonathan Morrison
22	David Jewett,	55	Edward Prescott,
23	Edward Easemen, Corpl.	56	John Dollof
24	John Bond,	57	Zadock Sanborn
25	Nicholas Nicholles	58	Jona Veazey,
26	Oliver Calfe, Corporal	59	Gilman Robertson
27	Moses Hopkinson	60	Thomas Leavitt,
28	Jona. Folsom	61	John Smith, Junr.
29	James Folsom,	62	John Leavitt,
30	Stephen Leavitt,	63	John Shaw
31	Enoch Chace	64	Joseph Smith
32	Andrew Neale	65	Zachariah Quinby,
33	John Mason	66	Thoms Gordon

67	Wm Granes,	72	Joseph Akers,
68	Danl Torry	73	Saml. Chapman
69	Sanborn Sleeper,	74	Aaron Elesworth
70	Jno. Rundlett, Drummer,	75	Caleb Thurston
71	Joseph Louge, Fifer	76	Benjm. Sanborn.

Portsmth, Nov. 24th 1775.

To the Committee of Safety of the Colony of New Hampshire.

Gentlemen,

Agreeable to your Order I have this Day Mustered the within named Persons, they being good able bodied & effective Men & Well accoutered.

Jos. Cilley, Muster mastr.

[This was one of the companies of minute men raised pursuant to order of the Committee of Safety of Oct. 12, 1775, portions of which went to Winter Hill in December to take the place of the retiring Connecticut troops. See Vol. XIV. p. 243. — Ed.]

A List of Capt. David Copps's Company as Mustered by Capt. George Turner Novr 25th. 1775

[Copied from original in Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D. C.]

	David Copps Captn. Moses Yeaton 1st Lieut.		Andrew Gilman 2d Lt. Saml. Wallingford Ensn
1	Ebenezer Pierce	12	John Earl
2	Moses Yeaton Junr	13	Daniel Straw
3	Samuel Roberts	14	Nathan Roberts
4	Sulvanus Comwell	15	Ebenezer Allen
5	Joseph Varney	16	Francies Yeaton
6	Samuel Pray	17	Moses Canney
7	Samuel Roberts	18	James Pike
8	Benjamin Paul	19	Benja. Gerrish
9	Samuel Downs	20	Richard Furber
10	Moses Guptall	21	Asa Fuller
11	John Legroe	22	Garret Byng

23	Joseph Malcham	60	Sam[l] Adams
24	William Harsey	61	Joshua Neal
25	Samuel Norton Jun[r]	62	Gideon Johnson
26	John Nichols	63	Phineas Ricker
27	Daniel Cook	64	Henry Pike
28	John Gilman	65	Samuel Dame
29	George Fall	66	Henry Rollins
30	Josiah Harsey	67	Dudly Gilman, add —
31	Joseph Hodgdon	68	Ephraim Roberts
32	John Gilman	69	Levi Furber
33	Daniel Paul	70	Dudly Smart
34	Grafton Nutter	71	George Roberts
35	Seth Shackford	72	Jonathan Horn
36	Moses Emerson	73	Sam[l] Waldron
37	Daniel Jackson	74	Moses Carr
38	Silas Hale	75	Eliphalet Quimby
39	Benjamin Tate	76	Robert Hardy
40	John Knock	77	Joseph Sanburn
41	Caleb Horn	78	James Horne
42	Samuel Henderson	79	Rob[t] M[c]Relias
43	Jeames Boyce	80	Joshua Cosen
44	Gersham Plummer	81	William Palmer
45	Ichabod Cowel	82	John Roberts
46	Hatevil Nutter	83	Sam[l]. Wentworth
47	Anthony Vincent	84	Tobias Wentworth
48	John Ramsey	85	Mark Jennins
49	Ebenezer Nutter	86	John Wentworth
50	William Vincent	87	Josiah Brown
51	Edward Kelley	88	Abraham Plunkeld
52	Josiah Weeks	89	Joseph Young
53	John Parsons	90	Jose Wiggins
54	Aaron Cosen	91	Rich[d] Tilton
55	John Bickford	92	W[m] Berry, Drumer
56	John Trickey	93	Rob— Stokell, Fifer
57	Josiah Folsom	94	Robert Swanson
58	Valeentine Rickery	95	Benjamin Hoyte
59	Joel Leighton	96	Timothy Cosen

[The note appended to document next preceding will apply to this. — Ed.]

A Return of Men in Capt. Titus Salter's Company Mustered by Major James Hackett Fryday Decr 1 — 1775

[Copied from original in Bureau of Pensions.]

NAMES	when Inlisted	when dischd		NAMES	when Inlisted	when dischd	
Titus Salter Jun[r]	Oct. 17			Ben Grant	Nov 23		
John Blasdell	" 17			Israel Hull	" 23	Dec 3[d]	Capt. Webster
Benj[n] Holebrook	" 25			Israel Graves	" 23	" 3	Capt Wiggin
Benj Dam	" 25			John Stevans	" 23	" "	Ditto
Daniel Strikland	" 30			Joseph Thurston	" 24	" "	Ditto
John Elliott	" 30			Benj Wiggin	" 24	Ditto	Ditto.
Charles Stuart	" 30			Sam[l] Boynton	" 24	Ditto	Ditto
George Berry	" 30			Edward Burleigh	" 24	— —	— —
Peter Barter	Nov. 10			Robt Rawlins	" 24	Dec. 4	
Samuel Down	" 10			Bénj Webster	" 24	Ditto	Ditto.
Darby Daily	" 21			John Hale	" 24	Ditto	Ditto
Michael Ryan	" 21			Benj. Simpson	" 24	Ditto	Ditto
Michael Veale	" 22			Joseph Fellows	" 24	Ditto	Ditto
Samuel Piper	" 23			Joseph Bamfield	" 24	———	———
Jonathan Edmonds	" 23			Israel Webster	" 24	Ditto	Ditto
John Sloper	" 23			Josiah Parsons	" 24		
Sam[l] W. Cate	" 23			Mark Wiggin 3[d] Lieut.	" 24	Ditto 3	
Solomon Varrell	" 23						

N. B. The company now consist of Eighty two Men

Titus Salter.

A Muster Role of The Field Artilery Company under the Command of George Turner an Muster'd by Major Hackett, December 1, 1775 —

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Ebenezer Dearing 1st. Lieut	Randal Furnald
William Yeaton 2d Lieut	Ichabod Shorer
John Marden 3d Lieut	Edmund Butler
Saml Hutchings Sergt.	John Reding
Benjn. Chandler Sergt.	Saml. Sherriff
John Gardner Junr Sergt.	Robert Fernald
Shackford Seaward Corp	John Melcher
John Dinnett Junr. Corp	James Swett
Solomon Lowd Corp.	Richard Wood
Joseph Tapley Drumr	Clement Jackson Junr.
Henry Meserve	Elliott Dearing
Henry Snagg	Robert Colfax
Winthrop Binnett	John Deavenport
Gupey Stoodley	William Gowin
George Jackson Junr.	Samuel Yeaton
Thomas Sherburne Junr.	Ephraim Dennett
William Hart Junr.	Robert Tate
George Trapthren	Solomon Thompson
John Hooker	Reuben Daniels
George Lowd	Timothy Gerrish
Robert Chandler	Mark Pitman

The Scale

Capt.	Lieuts	Sergts	Corpl.	Drum	Privates	Total
1	3	3	3	1	32	43

Abstract of a Pay Roll for a company of Artillery commanded by Capt George Turner — 1775 —

1 Captain from Nov. 15, to Jany 15, 2 Months — @ 8£		£ 16.	" "
3 Lieutenants	5 M° 26 days @ 120/–	– 32–	7– 4
3 Sergeants	6 months @ 50/–	– 15–	" "
3 Corporals & Drummers	7 M° 29 days @ 45/	17–	18– 6
33 Privates	6 M° 27 days 41/	128–	19–
Paid February 22 — 1776 £		210.	4–10
Ex^d.	P. Boyey		

A List of Capt Jacob Webster's Company

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Jacob Webster Capt
Abijah Wheeler 1st Lieu^t
Ezekiel Guile 2^d D°
Joseph Williams Ensign
James Webster Serg^t
Jared Heath D°
John Jeffers Drummer
Bezaleel Beede
Benjamin Stevens 3^d
Jethro Sanborn
David Sanborn
Benjamin Colby
Benjn Webster Silaway
Israel Shepherd
Barnard Thorn
Benj^m Loverain
John Sleeper Junr
Cornelius Clough
Philip Blasdell
James Thorn
Nathan Thorn
Jn° Newton
Abra^m Sanborn
Moses Stevens
Ebenezer Stevens
Jn° Sleeper
Jn° Judkins Junr

Stephen Barger Serg^t
Ezra French D°
Ebenezer Fifield Corporal
Hezekiah Blake D°
Joseph Ayers D°
Silas Wheeler D°

Saml Fellows
Benjamin Silly
Isaac Clifford
Moses Hoit
Saml True
John Gage
Richard Kelly
John Atwood
Jedediah Philbrook
Saml French
Jon^a French 3^d
Peter Sweat
Thom^s Newton
Joseph Young
Henry Dow
Saml Hews
Richard Whitcher
Saml Noyes
James Flood
Ebenezer Woodberry
Joseph Tucker

Benj^m Williams
Jacob Thorn
John Darling
Humphrey Nichols
Jon^a Johnson
Isaac Dow
Peter Noyes
Jesse Heath
Abial Cross
Samson Wheeler
John Silly
Joseph Brown
Joshua Richardson
Ebenezer Kimball
Thoms Cotton
Moses Noyes
Jon^a Carleton
Warren Wheeler
John Campbel

Portsmth Nov. 23^{d} 1775.

To the Committee of Safety of the Colony of New Hampshire—

Gentlemen — Agreeable to your order, I have this day mustered the within named persons they being good able bodied & effective Men well Accoutred

Jo^{s} Cilley muster master

[The foregoing company was paid February 22, 1776, for twenty-three days' service, a total of £100.5.3. It was one of the companies of minute men that went to Winter Hill. — Ed.]

Fort Sulervan, Decem^{r} the 2, 1775

A List of Officers & Men Belonging to the Fort Sulervan, Eliphelet Daniel, Commandor.

[Copied from original in Bureau of Pensions.]

Eliphlet Daniel	Capt.	John Stevens	Private
Andrew Marshall	First. Leit.	Nathl. Mendom	Do.
Jacob Clarke	Second Do.	Simon Tobey	Do.
John Payn	third Do.	Willi^{m} Thrasher	Do.
Stacy Hall	Serjants	George Carpenter	Do.
John Tucker	Do.	Saml. Clark	Do
Ebenezer Janvrin	Do.	Benjn. Peverly	Do.
Amoss Williams	Do.	Willi^{m}. Hackeday	Do
George Waters	Drumer.	Nathl. Church	
Rich^{d}. Wilson	Gunner.	Willm James	
Thom^{s}. Palmer	Ditto mate	Andrew Young	
Archi. Fergirson	Ditto —	John James	
John Campbell	Private	Christopher Lind	
John Ovendon	Do.	Luke Foster	
John Gunnison	Do.	Thom^{s}. priest, Junr.	
Willi^{m} Claridge	Do.	Partrick Lilless	
Willi^{m}. Lewis	Do.	Alexander Kirkwood	
Ezral Whetten	Do.	Joseph Redman	
John Burbank	Do.	Saml. Banfill	
Jacob Larrey	Do.	Jacob Randel	
Thom^{s}. Priest	Do.	George King,	
Willi^{m} Gowen	Do.	Willi^{m} Moses,	
Saml. Odiorne	Do.	Benjn. Leach	

Willi^{m} Walker	Private	Stephen Wille
Joshua Huntriss	Do.	John Dam,
James Willing	Do.	Winthrop Bickford
Joseph Wimpkel	Do.	John Folsom
Saml. Ball	Do.	Jacob Nason
Willi^{m} Michell	Do.	David Langley
Peter Tobey	Do.	Solomon Clarke
Thom^{s}. Francis		Willi^{m} McIntier,
George Young		Rich^{d}. Wilson Junr.
Nathl. Woodman		Joseph Stevens
Benjn. Stubbs		

Total 67.

[R. 5–26]

[*Letter to General Court of Massachusetts, sent by Deacon John Tufft, January* 4, 1776.]

In Congress at Exeter in the Colony of New Hampshire the 3^{d}. of Jan^{ry} 1775. [1776.] —

Deacon John Tufft lately of Londonderry in this Colony now of a Place called Belfast laying on Penobscot Bay being now before this Congress, and giving Information of the Troops in Boston gaining large supplies from many Persons living on an Island in said Penobscot Bay, which Information this congress tho't proper should be made to the General Court of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay, and that due credence may be given to the Intelligence of said Dea^{n}. Tuffts it is certified by many Persons members of this Congress that they have been long acquainted with him and ever esteemed him a man of strict Truth & veracity.

By order of Congress.

M. T. [Matthew Thornton] President.

[R. 5–27] [*Colonel Hobart's Receipt.*]

Medford Jan'y 2^{d} 1776

Rec^{d} of Tim^{o}. Walker Jr. Eighteen Hundred Pounds Lawful Money to pay the Soldiers belonging to the New Hampshire Forces —

£1800 ℘ Saml Hobart

[This was in part for the payment of Stark's, Reed's, and Poor's Regiments to August 1, 1775.]

[*Concerning pay of Troops in Piscataqua Harbor.*]

[R. 5-28] Portsm° 2d Jany 1776 —

Sir — We beg leave to inform the Honorable Provincial Congress that an uneasiness has arisen in the Companies commanded by the Captains Daniels & Salter owing as they say to their pay's being less than the Matrosses receive at Headquarters — This Committee are fully satisfied that the Honble Congress entertain no desire that our Soldiers serve for less than others & are of opinion that they have seen a vote of theirs stipulating the same and as the Captains of these Companies wait on the Congress herewith we make no doubt they will in their wisdom take such measures as may effectually remove the present uneasiness & give suitable encouragement to have the number of Men which have been voted enlisted without delay — We would intreat that for the future the Soldiers may be paid monthly as the circumstances of many of them are necesitous —

I am By order of the Comee of Safety
Sir your most obedient Servant
H. Wentworth Chairman

To the Honble the President of the Provincial Congress
[Committee of Safety for the town of Portsmouth.]

[R. 5-29] [*Dr. Hall Jackson concerning Salt Petre.*]

Doctr Hall Jackson begs leave to inform the Congress that Mr David Greffeth, at Exeter has by him about forty Pounds weight of Salt Petre, which is greatly wanted at Portsmouth and Cambridge for the use of the Sick belonging to the Troops — Exeter 7th Jany 1776 —

To The Hon'ble Assembly

[R. 5-31] [*Colonel Wait's Three Men.*]

To Coll Beedle Sir Hugh Miller & Mathew Miller & James Thomson Has leve to March with your part of this or your Rigement pr order of Coll Wait Saml Stone

Feb.y 25 1776

[R. 5–23] [*Captain Hezekiah Hutchins's Offer.*]

Hezekiah Hutchens here by aquants the Honr[le] Commety of Safty and gentlemen of the Congress that he Is willing to Serve his Cuntry In this province Service In the Common Cause and that he has bin in all the wars In this Cuntry sence the taking of Luesburg the first time and In the Last wars was Cap[t] of 100 men part of the time Did the Duty of Chief Inginear at fort fredrick near 2 years

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A List of the Number of and Names of men Belonging to Fort Sullivan Under the Command of Capt. Eliphalet Daniels as they were mustered by Geo. Gaines & Order of the Committe of Safety for the Colony of New Hampshire.

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

No.	MEN'S NAMES.	Time of Inlistment	Ages.	Place of abode.
		1776		
1	Capt. Eliphalet Daniels	Jan[y]. 1st	52	Portsm[o]
2	Leut. Andrew Marshall	Jan[y] 1st	26	Portsm[o].
3	Leu[t]. Mendum Janvrin	Jany. 1	26	Do.
4	Reuben Daniels	– – 12	26	Do.
5	David Langly	– – 1st	24	Durham
6	Sam[l]. Harrington	– – 18.	21	Newcastle
7	John Folsome	– – 1	18	Durham
8	William Priest	– – 9	26	Portsmo.
9	Moses Brown	– – 19	34	Dover.
10	Ephraim Perkins	– – 19	27	Do.
11	Robert Fernald	– – 16	20	Kittery
12	Hezekiah Staples	– – 9	42	Do.
13	Joshua Pray	– – 18	42	Do.
14	Edward Fernald	– – 15th	21	Do.
15	John Stayce	– – 11	20	Do.
16	Joseph Fernald	– – 16.	20	Do.
17	Benj[a]. Fernald	– – 16.	32	Do.
18	William Remmick	– – 17.	30	Do.
19	William Cole	– – 23.	25	Do.
20	John Chick	– – 22[d]	25	Do.
21	William Carter	– – 18.	21	Do.
22	David Emery	– – 12.	18	Do.

No.	MEN'S NAMES.	Time of Inlistment	Ages.	Place of abode.
23	Joseph Stevens.	Jany. 1st	21	Portsmo.
24	Timothy Carney	– – 14.	29	Do.
25	Benjamin Dame.	– – 15.	20	Do.
26	Partrick Lilley	– – 1st.	50	Kittery.
27	Thomas Priest.	– – 1st	35	Portsmo
28	John Foster	– – 12.	21	Kittery
29	Benja. Holbrook	– – 13.	18	Portsmo.
30	John Cole	– – 23	32	Kittery
31	James Willing	Jany. 1	21	Foreigner.
32	William Clarrage	– – 1	47	Kittery.
33	Joseph Shaw	– – 1.	22	Portsmo.
34	James McIntire	– – 1.	24	Foreigner
35	Alexander Kirkwood	– – 1.	40	Do.
36	Nicholas Everett	– – 9.	28	Do.
37	Richard Wilson	– – 1.	25	Do.
38	George Carpenter	– – 1.	30	Do.
39	Joseph Nelson	– – 9.	40	Portsmo
40	William Hackerday	– – 1.	36	Foreigner
41	Archibald Ferguson	– – 1st	27	Foreigner.
42	John Oventon	– – 1.	31	Portsmo
43	Joseph Paul	– – 11.	38	Kittery.
44	Gideon Hunt	– – 24	22	Portsmo.
45	Phillip Clear.	– – 1.	33	Do.
46	Thomas Daverson	– – 1.	32	Do.
47	Edward Staple	– – 13.	18	Kittery.
48	Samuel Banfill	– – 10	24	Portsmo.
49	John Nelson	– – 1.	18	Do.
50	Jacob Nason	– – 1.	30	Berwick.
51	Solomon Clark.	– – 1.	37	Rochester.
52	Winthrop Willey	– – 11.	30	Kittery.
53	Daniel Knight	– – 15.	20	Do.
54	Thomas Knight.	– – 11.	23	Do.
55	William Welch	– – 12.	21	Do.
56	John Gunnison.	– – 1.	33	Do.
57	William Ingerson	– – 13.	30	Portsmo.
58	Frederick Peverly	– – 22	23	Do.
59	John Fitzgearald.	– – 12	23	Do.
60	John Fernald	Feby. 8th.	21	Kittery
61	Seth Walker	Jany. 22	20	Portsmo

No.	MEN'S NAMES.	Time of Inlistment	Ages.	Place of abode
62	John Burbanks	Jany. 15.	23	Arrundell
63	Nathl. Kennard	– – 11.	21	Kittery
64	Luke Foster	– – 1st	40	Portsm^o.
65	John Carter	Feby. 8	18	Kittery
66	Downing Coolbroth	– – 12	18	Durham
67	Joseph Applebey	– – 12	20	Do.

Portsmo' feby 12, 1776.

Geo. Gains

Abstract of a Pay Roll for Capt. George Turner's Company stationed at Pescataqua Harbour — 1776 —

1	Captain	from Jany 15 to Jany 30th.	15 days	@ 8 £ Pr Mo.	£ 4 — ″ — ″
1	Lieutenant	" " " " "	15 days	@ 110/	5 — 10 — ″
1	Ditto	" " " " "	15 days		
3	Sergeants		1 month 15 days	@ 50/	3 — 15 — ″
3	Corporals		2 months 15 days –	45/	5 — 12 — 6
1	Drummer 1 Fifer				
3	Privates		17 months 5 days	41/	35 — 3 — 10
11		Paid Feby. 22/76 —			£ 54. 1. 4

Ex^d P. Boyey

Portm^o Feby – 6th. 1776 —

Please to pay to Capt George Turner or order what is due to us the subscribers for our services in the Field Artilery Comp^y. when under command of said Turner also for services in said comp^y. when under Command of Dr Hall Jackson and his Receapt shall be a Discharge from your Hbl Servt.

Ebenezer Dearing
John Marden
Saml Hutchings
John Dennett
John Gardner Junr.

Thomas Sherburne
William Yeaton
Ichabod Shorer
John Melcher
William Ward

Robert Tate
Henry Meserve
Benjamin Chandler
Clem^{t} Jackson Junr
John Underwood
Ephraim Dennett
Saml Elliott
John Pitman
Samuel Sherref
Richard Kitsson
Mark Pitman
Shackford Seaward
Edm^{d} Butler
Richard Woods
Robert Colefax
Robert Chandler
William Hart Junr
Solomon Thompson
John Thompson
James Swett
Cotton Mather Stevens
John Griffin
Robert Furnald
John Reding Junr
Robt Bokell
Timothy Wintworth Barrons
enoch Davis
Seth Walker
Henry Snagg
George Trefaran
George Loud
John Davenport
Willm Gowen
John Hooker
Samuel Yeaton
Georg Jackson
Timothy Gerrish
John Beck Junr.
Mark Chadbourn
Daniel Jackson Junr.
Elliott Dearing
Richard Pasons
W^{m}. Knight
Renald Furnald
Joseph Tapley
Nathaniel Pitman
Ezekiel Pitman
Thomas $\overset{\text{his}}{\underset{\text{mark}}{\times}}$ Priest
Joshua Lang Hunttress
Winthrop Bennet
John Barns
George King Junr.
Wm Cambridge
Andrew Tooms
Sol^{o} Lowd

[*Committee of Safety to Congress.*]

[Original in Department of State Washington, D. C.]

Exeter February 8th. 1776

Sir/

Before the Reception of your Letters of the 12th. & 20th of January an account of the unfortunate affair at Quebec came to hand, with a Requisition from his Excellency General Washington for this colony to Raise a Regiment for that Service, which was Immediately attended to, The Field Officers appointed & orders for Enlist.^{g} the men given out. As so great a Proportion of the men in the Eastern,

and Middle part of the Colony were Engaged, at the Grand Army and to Guard our Sea Coast, It was Judged best to Endeavour the Raising this on the Western Frontiers, and everthing that was tho't Expedient had been done to forward the purpose —

We hear Some Companies have marched and expect the whole Battalion consisting of the Number desired will Follow them in a few days — Before our design of Rais.g this Regiment was known in the Western parts, upwards of One hundred men from this Colony had Enlisted under officers appointed by Coll° Warner of the Green Mounting Boys, and Marched — And are we Suppose before this Time at Quebec —

By order of the Committee I have the Honour to be

Sir

Your M°. hum Serv

Meshech Weare Chairman

Hon.ble John Hancock Esq

[Addressed] The Honble John Hancock Esq
President of the American Congress att Philadelphia

[Endorsed] No. 6 Letter from Convention of New Hampshire, Feby 8, 1776 Read 4 March, 1776.

[R. 5-32]

[*Petition of a Committee Concerning Price of Goods.*]

To the Honble Councill and House of Representatives of the Colony of Newhampshire —

The Petition of a Committee chosen out of the Committees of Correspondence or Safety for the severall Towns of Newberry Port Newberry Bradford Andover Boxford Salsberry Haverhill Methuen [Mass.] Londonderry Plaistow Newsalem [Salem, N. H.] and Atkinson in the Neighbor-Hood of Merrimack River having Commercial Intercourse with each other part of which Towns are in the Colony of Massachusetts Bay and part in the Colony of Newhampshire humbly sheweth —

That the honble american Congress Did by their association agree That Venders of goods and merchandize should not take advantage of any scarcity of goods occasioned by their association But should sell the same at the rates they had been Respectively accustomed to

do for Twelve months then last past and by their other Recommendations and the spirit of the Proceedings — We apprehend they Intended that no unreasonable advantage should be taken in the sale of other foreign Commodities or in the Produce of our farms or our own manufactures That it is generally said that Numbers of Persons among us and in our Neighbourhood from selfish Principals and Disregarding the public welfare have advanced the prices of their goods to Near Double what they used to sell them for and that maney of them have Endeavoured to engross the most saleable artickles and bought them up at the retaill price and Immediately advanced upon that retaill price above thirty per cent it is also said that the farmers upon like selfish motives have hoarded up Corn Grain and other Necessaries of life or sold them out at the most Exorbitant prices that the Labouring People and those not concerned in this unjust Commerce oppressed both by the farmer and merchant are groaning under their burthens and will be unable much longer to Endure them that we fear a spirit of Discontent Tumult and Disorder will rise among us unless speedily prevented by the Interposition of this Honble court the fatall consequences of which may be a Disunion and Backwardness in or Defection from the Common Cause of America

Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray this Honble Court would take the Premises into their serious Consideration and apply such speedy and effectuall Remedy to the Evills above complained off as may seem Proper and as in duty bound shall Ever pray &c

Isaac Redington Chairman Haverhill [Mass.] Feb^ry^e 29 : 1776.—

[R. 5–33] [*Captain Carlisle's Order.*]

Otter Creek March 1st 1776

Major Jno Bellows — Sir For value received Please to pay Mr Gilmore and Perkins Twenty five dollars which they have lent me to hire a Sleigh with. Sir dont fail of paying the above sum upon sight pr me

Danl Carlisle Capt

Walpole March 6th 1776 — Rec^d^ of Jno Bellows the full of the within order for the within mentioned purpose

Pr me

Robert Gilmor
James Perkins

[R. 5-34] *Capt Elipt Daniels accot of Stoppages &c* —

Fort Sulervin March 1776

And Accot of Money In Capt Daniels Hands for Mens Wages that Did Not Belong to the Comp'y for the Numbr of Days against Each Mans Name

Alexander Kirkwood	30 Days pd 7 days. 2. 1. pd 9. 4		£1.	12.	8
James McEntire	13 Ditto		0.	17.	4
Richd Wilson Junr	5 Ditto			6.	8
James Billings	5 Ditto			6.	8
Francis Drew	30 Ditto @ 45/ pr mth pd 15/		1.	10.	—
From June 17th To July 17th 1776					
Samuel Clark	2 Days	£ 0. 2. 8			
Samuel Fletcher	2 Days	2. 8			
Edward Furnald	2 Days	2. 8			
Archabel Campwell	4 Days	5. 4			
Gideon Hunt	4 Days	5. 4			
Abraham Weeks half pound 2 Days		2. 8			
Powder & Iron Balls		3. 6			
Ebenr Willey 22 Cartriges		5. 6	1.	10.	4
From July To Augt 17th 1776 –					
Isaac Staple	9 Days paid Ebenr Pray 9/			3.	0
Stephen Ginkins	9 Days			12.	—
		L. my	£ 6.	18.	8

Wood Carrd of the Island at Sund'y times
Oak Plank & Timber made in a Slead & sent Home
One pound & half pound Powder from the Magazine sent Home

The above accot. Is By Capt Daniels Desire

Mendum Janvrin

[R. 5-35]

[*Concerning Bounty on Manufacture of Salt Petre.*]

Colony of New Hampshire March 12th. 1776.

To the Honble Council & house of representatives of said Colony in general assembly convened —

The humble petition of the Subscribers adventurers in the manufacture of Salt Petre in said Colony humbly shews, That we find

the bounty granted by vote of the last Congress of said Colony is Insufficient for the Encouragement of the Manufacturing Salt Petre and will not answer the good Purposes thereby Designed, as only one Person or a few combined can reap the advantage thereof which will prove a Discouragement to other undertakers who may make as much within an ounce as those who shall reap the benefit of the said Bounty & after having expended as much or more in their efforts to have only the Consolation of disposing of the product of their Labour & expence for Less than half the prime cost.

wherefore your Petitioners would humbly suggest that it might more readily encourage that Important Manufacture if you should vacate the vote of the said Congress & in Lieu thereof give such a Bounty ℔ pound for all that shall be made in said Colony within a Limited Time as to your wisdom shall appear just & adequate — whereby we humbly conceive many more Persons who could not hope to obtain said Bounty would be Induced to undertake the making the same & contribute their mite to the Public Benefit — wherefore your Petitioners pray that you would grant such a bounty on, or fix such a price ℔ pound to be paid out of the Public Treasury for all Salt Petre that shall be manufactured in said Colony as shall encourage a General procedure in so usefull & at this time Important an Undertaking & your Petitioners as in duty bound shall pray &c

William Morrill	Willet Peterson	Samuel Sweat
Benjn Connor	Saml Brooks	John Calef
Moody Morss	John Calef Juner	Jacob Gale
Zacch^{s} Clough	Isaac Hills	

[In House of Representatives March 21, 1776, it was voted that the stated price of salt petre should be three shillings and six pence per pound, exclusive of the bounty. — Ed.]

[R. 5–36] [*Kittery Fire Rafts.*]

To the Honble. Council and House of Representatives of the Colony of New Hampshire convened at Exeter in s^{d} Colony —

The Petition of the Com^{tee} of Correspondence of the Town of Kittery in the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay humbly sheweth That in the Month of Octob^{r} last past when every one in our neighboring Towns with ourselves were greatly alarmed at the apprehension of our Enemies speedy approach did with the utmost dispatch compleat two pair of fire rafts (agreeable to the desire and directions

of the Committee of Correspondence in Portsm°.) and sent there, the acc^t of which cost your Honours have herewith inclosed and pray an allowance be made us for the charge by ordering the payment to be made (if your Honours in your Wisdom see cause) to M^r. William Leighton for the said Committee of s^d Town of Kittery, and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall every pray—

Kittery March 14th. 1776. By order of the Committee
John H. Bartlet Chairman

March 20th 1776 Voted not to grant the prayer of this Petition

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[R. 5 – 37]

[*Relative to East Kingston Company.*]

Colony of New Hampshire — To the Honourable House of Representatives now setting at Exeter the Petion of a Number of the train'g soldiers of East Kingstown Humbly sheweth : whereas this Company is without any officers : Lieu : Colonel Gale neglecting to call the Company together that they might be appointed according to order of Congress : therefore we the Petioners Humbly Pray that we might be call'd together that there might be some appointed for said Company

March the 18th 1776

Joseph Bean
John Morrill
Eliphalet Webster
Jonathan Ladd Webster

[R. 5 – 38]

[*Piscataqua Harbor Troops.*]

To the Honb^le the General Assembly of the Colony of New Hampshire now convened at Exeter —

The Petition of Stephen Clark humbly sheweth that he Received orders from the Congress of this Colony in the month of October last to Inlist one Hundred able bodied effective men for the protection of Piscataqua Harbour and that in consequence of said orders he Inlisted the said number of men and marched them to Piscataqua & tarried there with said men until Major Joseph Cilley by an appointment from the Committee of Safety Reviewed said Company & without assigning any particular Reason dismissed Twenty five men from said company all of whom appeared to your Petitioner as well qualified for the Colony service as those that were accepted — Where-

fore your Petitioner prays an allowance may be made him for the cost and trouble in Inlisting and marching said men to Piscataqua your Petitioner also further prays for & in behalf of the said dismissed soldiers that they may have full pay from the time of their Inlistment to the time of their dismission from said service as a general uneasiness appeared among them at that time which unless redressed your Petitioner is fearfull will have a dangerouce tendency as this Colony may in future stand in need of all the aid that can be obtained from the Soldiery — Gentlemen an answer in favour of the above prayer will add to the favours already Received by your Petitioner

Exeter 19th March 1776 Stephen Clark

[R. 5-39]

[*Petition. — Matross Co., Fort Washington.*]

To the Honourable the Councell & House of Representatives for the Colony of New Hampshire now convened at Exeter for the Dispatch of Publick Business. The Humble Petition of the Mattross company commanded by Capt. Titus Salter — Humbly Sheweth to your honours that Influenced with a Love to their country & posterety they with chearfulness Engaged in the publick service with a Fixt determination in Every Respect to Repel force by force of our Insidious & Sanguinary Enemys

That at the time of our Enlistment they had the word of honour of their Captain to be in Every Respect on the same footing with the continental Army Commanded by his Excellency General Washington —

That your petitioners are Informed that the Army at the head quarters are Entitled to a blankett or as an Equivalent thereof off twelve Shillings — That your Petitioners hitherto have not neither Received a blankett or money for the same — that as your petitioners views your honours as the Guardians of our Invaluable Rights & Libertys and the Fountain of Justice — they humbly pray your honours to take the prayer of their petition under consideration and grant them such Releif as may be consistent with the Honour & Dignity of the Colony and your Petitioners as in duty bound shall Ever pray —

Fort Washington March 20th 1776

Signed in behalf & by the Desire of the Company

Corporells	John Abbot	David Cops	Sergeants
	Henry Frost Cates	Joseph Day	
	Thomas Jones	Joshua Grant	
	George Reed	Richard Jenkins	

A Muster role of the Field Artilery Company und. Command of Capt. Ebenezer Dearing as mustered by Majr Hackett this 22d March 1776.

[Original in Pension Bureau.]

	MENS NAMES	Age	Place of Abode.
1	Saml. Hutchings Lieut.	31 years	Portsmouth
2	John Gardner Junr Sergt	27	do
3	Shackford Seaward, Sergt	44	do
4	Henry Meserve Sergt	26	do
5	John Underwood Corpl.	28	do
6	George King Junr	24	do
7	Ichabod Shorer	24	do
8	Henry Moore	19	Kittery
9	John Moore	30	do
10	Robt. Briar	25	do
11	Richd. Parsons	25	do
12	John Bartor	37	do
13	Pella. Weeks	34	do
14	Pella. Bartor	34	do
15	Joseph Gerrish	22	Portsmouth
16	John Caverly	22	do
17	Charles Grace	22	do
18	Robt. Stokell, Drumr	26	do
19	Joshua Kanwell	26	do
20	Saml. Yeaton.	28	do
21	Saml Morrison	25	do
22	Geo. Jackson Junr	27	do
23	Wm Cambridge	30	do
24	Wm. Gowen	20	do
25	Clemt. Jackson Junr.	34	do
X	Saml. Bennitt	—	do
26	Timo Gerrish	20	do
27	Tho : Gasemore	32	Kittery
28	Theodr Furnald fifr	18	Portsmo.
29	Geo. Lowd	25	do
30	John Tucker	26	do
31	Wm Brawton	34	do
32	Solomon Thompson	22	do
33	Peter Musheway	34	do

	MENS NAMES	Age	Place of Abode.
34	Archabald Thompson	23 years	Portsm°.
35	Nich[l]. Buffuard	37	do
×	Nath[l] Mendum	—	do
36	Joseph Clark	21	do
37	Rich[d] Perry	38	do
×	Sam[l]. Fletcher		Kittery
×	John Trott		do
×	John Loler		do
×	Ebenezer Janveien		Portsm°.
×	Abraham Weeks		Kittery
38	Nath[l]. Woodman	23	Portsm°
39	Jn° Griffin [?]	25	do
40	Tho[s]. Bowler	24	do
41	Joseph Fitzgerrald	22	do
42	John Hall	19	do

Portsm°. March 22[d] 1776

Pursuant to an Order from the Hon[bl] Mesheck Weare Esq[r]. have Mustered Cap[t] Ebn[r] Dearings Company & passed the underwritten Numbred forty two men Including officers who are able bodied effective men & well accoutred — N. B. forty three men Including Capt Eben[r]. Dearing.

James Hackett, Muster Master.

[*Hibbard Collection,** *Vol. IV. p.* 86.]

Received March 25th. 1776 of William Bell on account & in behalf of Col°. Israel Morey Esq[r]. Two Pounds of Powder & Eight pounds of Bullits which I received out of Colony stores for the use of a Party of Men whereof I command — Now bound for Canada.

Sam[l]. Fowler

* [This valuable collection of manuscripts was made by Mrs. Sarah King (Hale) Hibbard, of Bath; and after her decease was presented to the New Hampshire Historical Society by her brother, Hon. George S. Hale, of Boston.— Ed.]

[*Ibid*] Chambly April 2d 1776

the bearer with 23 privates & 1 Sabalton has Drawn at this place 125 pounds of pork & 175 Weight of Bread for five days from the 2d to the 6 day of April both days Inclusive

Caleb Benedict Commissary

[*Ibid, p.* 88]

We acknowledge to have Recd of Israel Morey three Pounds Lawfull being one months advance Pay in Capt Joshua Hayward Comp'y in Col. David Gilman Regiment in Continental Sarvise this 20th December 1776.

Recd. by each of us severally

John Marston
Giles Follet
John Woodworth
Ichabod Sawyer
Benjamin Follet

[R. 5-40]

[*Receipts for Guns at the Cedars.*]

Received out of Coll. Bedels Stores Nine Guns Eight Prizd at 2. 2. 0 each & one Prizd at 2. 14. 0 which I Promise to see Returned in to the Stores or account for the same at the Close of the Campain

Ceders May 9, 1776 — Joseph Estabrook Capt

[Daniel Williams receipted for thirteen, at seven dollars apiece; and Ebenezer Green for three, at £2. 8. 0 each. See Vol. XIV. p. 477. — Ed.]

[R. 5-41]

[*Petition from Men who were in Service at Winter Hill,* 1776.]

To the Honourable Genl. Court of the State of New Hampshire —

Gentlemen —We the Pertitioners do Humbley Beg that your Honours would lend apearant Ear to our Pertition ware as their is a Number of us which was in the Searvis of the United Stats for Eight months at Winter Hill in the Regt Commanded then by Colo. Starks and we have Not Recd. our wagers for two months of the Time we also Pertition to your Honours for address — we think ware as we

have Searved our Engagements out faithfully we are intitled to our wagers and without your Honours will asist us we must loos it — therefore we aple to your Honours for address hopping that your Honours will take it into Consideration and help us — ware as we think it high time that we had our pay, you may Rightly say that we aut to apply to our officers for the same — and theirfore we would let your Honours know that we have and that we Cant have any help without your Honours will see fit to help us —

Theirfore we Humbley beg that [your] Honours would take it into Consideration and grant thy Pertitioners their Request

Shurborn Dearborn
Josiah Brown
James Kenniston
Samuel Sherborn
David Page

[R. 5-42]

[*John Griffith's Petition*, 1776.]

The Petition of John Griffith a Soldier in Captain Dearing's Company of Artillery — Humbly Sheweth — That on the 19th day of March last past, he enlisted himself a Soilder in Capt Dearings Company at which time he was in perfect health and free from all lameness, that on the 22th day of the same month he was mustered able and effective by the muster master appointed for that purpose. That on the night of Sunday the 24th of said March he stood Sentry four Hours at the Powder House at Northwest end of the Town of Portsmouth, the weather being extreemly cold he Froze the great Toe of his right foot in such a manner that he lost the nail and great part of the flesh down to the Bone — That he was not only confined two months but suffered great pain. That your Petitioner was fully determined faithful and diligently to have served his Country in the Capacity of a soilder during the full time he enlisted for, had the service been ever so hard and dangerous, and in thus doing his duty, he was rendered incapable of procuring himself any Suport and is discharged from the Service — He therefore humbly prays the Honorable Court to take the matter into consideration restore him again to his Company and allow him wages for the past time having never as yet received a farthing —

John Griffith

To The Hon.ble General Court Conveind at Exeter

Head Quarters at Portsmouth May ye 4th 1776

this may Certify whom it may Concern that John Griffith a Solder in Capt Dearings Company of Artillery being rendered unfit for service by Reason of Lameness is Discharged from s^d Company —

David Gilman Col^o

[He was allowed his wages by vote of the General Court, June, 1776. — Ed.]

[R. 5-43]

[*General Folsom to Colonel Stickney.*]

Concord May 16, 1776

S^r. In consequence of orders Rec^d this morning, from Maj^r Genl Folsom.— You are Required, on sight hereof, Immediately to give orders to all the Captains in your Department vizt. Boscawen, Canterbury, New Salisbury & New Britton, [Andover] to direct their several Companies to hold themselves in Readiness to March on the shortest Notice, & that they forthwith equip themselves in the best manner they can — & you are to take the most unwearied pains to examine into the state of the soldiers & in particular, see their firearms are kept in the utmost readiness for action, & in case of alarm or certain notice of the Landing of any Troops either in this Colony or the Massachusetts & our assistance is required — that you give orders to the several Companies in your Department, to Muster & March as many Men as can possibly be Raised out of them, properly officer^d with Captains & Subalterns according to the number of Men to the place where s^d Troops are landed, to assist in Repelling them, & you may assure such officers & solders that may March on any such alarm they shall be paid for the Time they continue in the service, the same Wages & Billeting as the other Troops raised in this Colony for the public service, & that they shall not be detained any longer than the Emergency of such alarm may require — & that you require an immediate Return to be made you, from the several Captains in y^r Department of the exact state of their Companies & transmit the same to me forthwith.

By order of the Major General for this Colony.

Lt Co^l Henry Gerrish — Boscawen, Canterbury, New Salisbury & New Britton.

Maj^r Nathan Bachellor — Loudon, Chichester & Epsom

Maj^r Isaac Chandler — Hopkintown, Hinniker, Hillsborough & Warner.

[May 7, 1776, the Committee of Safety "ordered General Folsom to direct the colonels of the several regiments in the counties of Rockingham, Strafford, and Hillsborough to hold themselves in readiness to march in case of an invasion." The original of the foregoing, which is somewhat mutilated, was probably directed to Col. Thomas Stickney.— Ed.]

[R. 5-44]

[*Petition from Prisoners of War.*]

To the Hon^l the Council & the House of Representatives for the Colony of New Hampshire —

The Petition of John Frazer and James Taylor late Master & Cheif Mate of the Ship Susannah Humbly sheweth — That your Petitioners sail'd from London on the 9 of December last, bound to Boston & the Moskitto shore, that on the 6 of March following the s^d Ship was taken, & themselves made Prisoners, by four of the Continental armed vessels under command of Com^r Manly & bro't into the Port of Piscataqua, that after they were discharged from s^d Ship, they were by the agent & several other Gen^t. advised to prefer a Petition to his Excel^y Genl. Washington (under whose direction those armed vessels were,) the Prayer of which his Excel^y was pleased to grant, & gave your Petitioners leave to Purchase a vessel, that they might proceed wherever their Business called them, that after obtaining this leave from his Exc^y. (which he was also pleased to signify to the agent here) your Petitioners in Comp'y with Capt. Richard Emms did Publickly purchase a Small Sloop fitted her for sea & provided themselves with stores, intending to proceed directly to the Moskitto shore where one of your Petitioners has much of his Interest laying in which proceedings your Petitioners were countenanced & encouraged by many Gent. of this Colony & when they applyed to the Colony Collector were by him advised to proceed, & assured they should meet with no delay on acc^o. of the necessary Papers — That afterward on application for clearance the Collector informed them he had received orders from the President of the Council & Committee of Safety to Prevent their further proceedings — Your Petitioners afterward made application to the Hon^l the Committee of Safety of this Colony, for leave to proceed on their intended voyage, & were by them informed that nothing further could be done till your Honours were met in Genl Assembly.

Your Petitioners now Pray your Hon^rs will take their case into Consideration and be pleased to grant them such allowance for their

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support during the time they have been, & may be detained in this Colony, & as your Petitioners can with sincerity assure your Honours, they have not the most distant desire to injure the Colonies in any way, they Pray your Honours would please to give them leave to depart from this Colony whenever a convenient oportunity offers for them to get to their Respective places of abode.

And your Petitioners shall ever Pray —

John Frazer James Taylor

Portsmouth June 5th 1776

[Captain Emms was allowed £20, and all three were granted leave to go to the West India Islands. — Ed.]

[R. 5-45]

[*Certificate Relative to John Robertson.*]

I do hereby Certifie that Jno Robertson formerly a Soldier in Capt Derburns Company and Belong'g to Capt Charls Nelsons Company since the 1st Day of January last Returned to penny Cook with me the 27th Day of May 1776

Pr William Simpson

Orderly Sergt for sd Company

Exeter 5th June 1776

[R. 5-46]

[*Memorial of Colonel Ashley and Others.*]

To The Hon'ble The Council & Assembly of the Colony of New Hampshire in General Court convened —

The memorial of Saml. Ashley, Benja Gyles, John Hurd, Israel Morey, & John Bellows Esqrs. Inhabitants of the Western Frontiers of the Colony, for themselves and their constituents — humbly sheweth — That your Memorialists being much concerned since the news of the late Defeat of so considerable a part of Colo. Bedel's Regimt in Canada, and their falling into the Hands of a number of Indians who it seems have been perswaded by our unnatural, inveterate enemies to take up arms against us; and apprehensive of the bad effect it may have on the people in all our new settlements near Connecticut River; that it may alarm & strike such a dread into many of them especially our women & children as to enduce them to quit their hab-

itations & flee for refuge back to the interior Country — a distressing circumstance, & such as may do irreparable injury to the glorious cause we are engaged in — Taking these things into our serious consideration, we beg leave to recommend to the Hon'ble Court the expediency & real necessity of immediately raising a Company of Rangers, (unless a Company of the New Battalion now raising may be spared,) who may be employed in different parties of 20 or 30 Men each to range and scour the woods in that extensive part of the Country lying between Lake Champlain & Connecticut River for a few months at least — which will not only be a Guard & Defence to the Frontiers against the inroads of any small parties of Indians and a Check upon such Tory Friends to Ministerial Government (of which we fear there are not a few whose ill designs we need to dread) But also very much tend to quiet the minds of all our people on the Frontiers who we are assured at present, are in a state of great anxiety; as well as your memorialists for their absent Familys — and therefore humbly pray the speedy attention of the Hon'ble Court to this necessary measure, & as in duty bound we shall ever pray, &c —

Colony of New Hampshire — Exeter 13th June 1776

Sam[l] Ashley [Claremont]	Benjamin Giles [Newport]
John Hurd [Haverhill]	John Bellows [Walpole]
Israel Morey [Orford]	

[Messrs. Ashley, Giles, and Hurd were members of the Council, and Messrs. Bellows and Morey of the House of Representatives, at this time. — Ed.]

[R. 5 – 47]

[*Agreement for the Manufacture of Powder.*]

[On the 21st of March, 1776, a committee was appointed to arrange with some person to manufacture a supply of gunpowder for the use of New Hampshire troops, and said committee entered into an agreement with Col. Samuel Hobart, as follows. — Ed.]

Memorandum. It is agreed this 13th day of June 1776 between Samuel Hobart of Holles, in the County of Hillsborough & Colony of New Hampshire Esq[r] of the one part & Meshech Weare of Hampton Falls Esq[r] & Nathaniel Folsom of Exeter Esq[r] Benjamin Barker of Stratham Esq[r]. Samuel Dudley of Brintwood Esq[r] & Samuel Philbrick of Kingstown Esq[r] all in the County of Rockingham in said

Colony, being a Committee appointed by the General Court in said Colony to agree with some person to build a Powder Mill in said Colony of the other part.—The said Samuel Hobart for the considerations hereafter mentioned doth for himself his Executors & administrators Covenant promise and agree to & with the said Committee & every of them that within the space of three months from the date of these presents he the said Samuel Hobart shall & will at his own proper cost & charge erect or cause to be erected upon some good & sufficient stream of water in said Colony a good Mill to be well contrived finished & executed with Twenty Mortars or to be so otherwise constructed as to well sufficiently & effectually pulverize the materials for making Gunpowder equal to Twenty Mortars, & that the said Samuel Hobart enter upon & perfect the Manufactory of Gunpowder with all convenient speed as aforesaid, & the said Samuel Hobart doth further covenant with the said Committee, that for the consideration of six Tons of Salt Petre with a Proportionable quantity of Sulphur wherewith to make Gunpowder to be delivered to him by the s^d^ Committee on behalf of said Colony, at Exeter by the time of said Mills being ready to work (whereof notice shall be given by him the said Hobart) that he the said Samuel Hobart will as soon as may be deliver to the said Committee or some one of them or to their or some one of their order, or orders at said Exeter, Six Tons of Good Gun Powder, they paying to him over & above the said Quantity of Salt Petre eight pence for every pound of said Powder, & the said Samuel Hobart doth further covenant as afores^d^ that he will allow & pay to the said Committee for the whole of said Sulphur to be so delivered as aforesaid so much money, as shall be the cost thereof to them,— and the said Committee, on behalf of the said Colony do covenant promise & agree to & with the said Samuel Hobart his Executors & administrators, that they the said Com^tee^ will deliver or cause to be delivered to him the said Saml Hobart the said Six Tons of Salt Petre & a proportion of Sulphur at Exeter on the Condition & in manner as afores^d^. & moreover do engage that the said Colony shall pay to the said Saml Hobart the sum of eight pence for every pound in said Six Tons of Gunpowder to be so manufactured & delivered to them —

In witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto interchangably set their hands & seals this 13th day of June A. D. 1776

Signed Sealed & delivered in presence of — Saml Hobart (L. S.)

E. Thompson John Smith

[Colonel Hobart established a manufactory at Exeter and made powder during the war. He subsequently used it for making nails. — Ed.]

[R. 5–50] [*Samuel Dalling, for Use of his Schooner.*]

To the Honble Council & Representatives for the Colony of New Hampshire at Exeter convened.—

The Petition of Samuel Dalling of Portsmouth in said Colony, Mariner, humbly sheweth —

That in October 1775 when an attack was expected at Piscataqua Harbour from the Fleet that destroyed Falmouth, a Schooner belonging to your Petitioner which he constantly used in the Coasting Business was taken into the service of the Colony, and moored in the strength of the Tide in Piscataqua River in order to entangle or prevent the ships of the enemy from coming up said River. That the said schooner was detained in said service during the term of 33 Days in which time she suffered considerable damage in her Hull and Cables, as will more fully appear by the account herewith exhibited. Your Petitioner humbly Prays that your Honours would take the matter into consideration, and grant him such allowance for the use of said Schooner, and the damage she sustained as in your wisdom, you shall judge adequate —

Portsm^o June 18th 1776 Saml Dalling

[The accompanying bill amounts to £17. 4. 0.]

[R. 5–53] [*Henry Foss asks Pay for Service.*]

Portsmouth June 29th 1776

To the Hon: General Court of the Province of N. Hampshire.—

The Petition of Henry Foss humbly sheweth that your Petitioner at the time of our late Governors Administration was apply'd to by Capt John Cochran Captain of the Fort William & Mary to enlist and serve there as a common Soldier at the rate of twenty four shillings lawfull money pr month he immediately complyd and performed his Duty there for the space of four months to the approbation of the Captain according to agreement he was to be paid at the expiration of the time since then the Captain together with his appointer have quitted the Province, which have deprived him of his lawfull Dues Confiding in you the authority of the Province, I take the Liberty to ask my pay of you, the General Court of this Colony, by which Hon' House I was employ'd in said service and now ask my pay as in Duty bound I shall ever Pray

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Henry × Foss
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[R. 5-54] [*Richard Champney to Meshech Weare.*]

July 1, 1776

Sr Finding no private hand to forward you mine of yesterday have agree^d with the bearer Thomas Goodwin to come with the letters & have engaged him 42/ L. my which you will please to pay him — find it Dificult to get teams do not expect to get away with the powder untill Wednesday morning so that you may write your mind with respect to a guard or any other matter necessary — Nothing new this morning

Y^s. Richard Champney

Hon. Meshech Weare

[Superscription, "Mr Champneys Letter from Boston July 1st 1776." See Vol. VIII. pp. 177-179. — Ed.]

[R. 5-56] [*Petition from Exeter Men*, 1776.]

Colony of New Hamp^r — To the Honble Committee of Safety for said Colony Humbly Shews the subscribers Freeholders and inhabitants of said Colony That we apprehend there is a considerable quantity of salt & west India & other goods now in store in this Town the most of which is secreted, & the small Remains that are exposed to sale is at such an extravagant Price that it Renders it extreamly Difficult for those that most want those articles to Procure them, and as extortion & oppression, monopolizing & engrossing, at all times are Displeasing to heaven, & most Destructive to civil sosiety, but especially at a time when a People are Labouring under all the Horrors of a civil war, *Wherefore* we your Petitioners, Pray your honors to take their Distressing case into your most serious consideration & Direct to some measures that may be effectual to Prevent so growing an evil & which (if not Discountenanced by the whole force of civil authority) will be attended with the most Dismal consequences, and whereas the Honble Continental Congress have long since signified to the whole continent their disapprobation of any person or persons taking the advantage of the scearsity of goods to exact an exhorbitant Price for them, If any Person or Persons shall be so hardy (after being Duly warned & advertized by your honors) as to continue their obstinacy & Percist in their violence, we cannot but apprehend our selves fully authorized in obliging them to Reduce their commoditys to such Prices as are in themselves just and Rea-

sonable — We begg leave further to signifie to your honors that some of us the subscribers have in the most Respectfull manner waited on several Gentlemen this Day who we are informed had goods in custody & all were willing we should see them except Major Daniel Tilton who utterly refused to show any thing or admit us into his store. —

Exeter 9th July 1776

Joseph Leavitt	Samuel wormall	Tru'y Folsom
Jeremiah Connor	Jerey Buel ?	Jona Norris
Humphry Wilson	Eliphalet Thing	James Gordon
Benjamin Runlet	Samuel thing	Jabez Smith
James Haynes	Daniel Leavit	Levi Morrill
Ichabod Davis	John Bennet	John thing
William Meeds	Sam Colcord	Thomas Dollof
Samuel Lak	Nathl Cross	Robert Kimball
James Sinkler	Elipha Sanborn	Aaron Ellsworth
Jonathan Thing	John Dudley	Noah Greeley
David fifield	John Connor	David Robinson
Abraham Morrill	Saml Gilman jr	James Marston
Winthrop Dudley	Josiah Barker	John Dudley
Daniel Sanborn	Samuel Thing	Bartholomew thing
Nathl Graves	Timothy Sanborn	Robert Rowe
Dudley Kimball	Richard dollof	John thing
Alexander G Smith	Paul Jewett	Dudley Leavitt
Dudley Thing	Gilman Robinson	Oliver Calfe
Bartholomew Gale	Peter Thing	Moses Leavitt
James Robinso	Samuel Ellsworth	Stephen Thing
Jonathan Shaw	John Shaw	B. Connor
Coffin Sanborn	Moses Merrill	Eber Kendell
Simeon morgain	Oliver Lyford	John Fullonton
Stephen H. Creighton	Daniel Barker	Stephen Ames
Daniel Lowell	Samuel Connor	

[See Vol. XI. p. 655.]

[*Colonel Bedel's Defence. Bedel Papers, p.* 40.]

Gentlemen — By the most unjust and ungenerous Miss Representation of facts, I have had the miss fortune to be Censured by the Public for a Crime which I know my self Perfectly Innocent of — It was ever my Intention to have apply'd for a like Court of enquiry on

this part of my Conduct, But General arnold has prevented that application which from the length of time and severity of my confinement I could have wished he had saved himself that trouble. — The charge against me and what only as I conceive Gentlemen will fall under your consideration is for quitting the Post at the Ceders, the language and insinuations of this charge impute nothing less than Cowardice. It was my miss fortune and a very general one too, that it fell to my lot to be ordered immediately on my arrival in Canada to take the Command of this unlucky post Carringnon S^{t}. anns as well as to Cultivate a friendship with the Indians and engage them if possible in the service of the united Colonies — The Command was equally as undesired as Difficult & Disagreable, more especially when considered how ill provided I was with every necessary means of Defence in that quarter, or even to secure a Retreat if that last resource became necessary — In vain did I frequently apply to Genl Arnold the then Commanding officer at Montreal for the most necessary supplys of ammunition provisions, Intrenching tools and Batteaus the latter of these articles the security of the men at these several posts greatly Depended — We were frequently living on less than half allowance of provisions the natural Consequences of all which was the greatest discontent & dissatisfaction of the officers and very little short of a mutiny amongst the soldiers. It has been urged in this Court by my Prosecutor that it was never his Intintion that I should leave the post at the Ceders unhappy am I, that I did not comprehend his meaning as it now appears by his wisdom as in that case I should have had less care less trouble and less fatigue of both body and mind If I have mistaken the letter and words of his orders I have not been alone in it — as it has been given in evidence by a worthy gentleman, a brave and experienced officer, and from whom I first Received my orders and Instructions, that I was not limited to the post of the Cedars only, either by Genl. arnolds verbal or writen orders. It is likewise proved that I attended a meeting of the Savage Chiefs at Coughnawaga During this Command by Generall arnolds approbation, and by his own evidence as it now appears. It is also in proof that it was proposed by General arnold himself or in his presence that I should visit the post of Carringnon — I never Conceived that by my writen orders or any other verbal Instructions from Genl. arnold, that I was to remain at the Cedars and at that post only, but on the Contrary that I was to establish, over see, & have an eye to the several Different post and to protect all that part of the Country — and in Particular to attend to the Cultivation of a friendship with the savages. This most Disagreable part of my Duty led me to comply with the Request of the Savage Chiefs in meeting them in

Council at Coughnawaga even at a time when I was Ill with the Small Pox.

The post at the Cedars was at that time in as perfect tranquility as it had ever before been, were it otherwise was I to suppose that the Defence of that place Depended entirely on me? I was but a man and a sick man at the time, there were a number of Reputed good officers at that time and place the orders which I left you have seen — and I hope will in part plead my Justification —

In the next place when I Received advice at Coughnawaga of the approach of the enemy; what was I then to do? I must own I was myself at a loss, Rather inclined to Return Immediately, But the Savages in Council Insisted that I should go to Montreal and there Represent the Situation of that part of the Colony which very particularly Reguarded themselves — as well as the Troops at the several posts, they proposed and sent me with two of their young men in a Canoe to Montreal, had I not consented to their Request in this Instance I should have Disobliged them and of course Disobeyed that part of my writen and verbal orders — & I thought at any rate that it could make but two or three hours Difference in my Returning to the Cedars, the Delay at Montreal was not my fault, when I arrived at La Chine on my way to the Cedars, Sickness absolutely prevented me from proceeding with Major Shelburn — his, Cumstan's & Miller's oath, proves that the want of Batteaus was the [cause of] the loss of the post at the Cedars as otherwise he would have been there time enough to have Relieved the besieged — But it seems that private property and particular security has been more attended to than the Public service otherwise the boats would have been sent with Major Shelburne as promised me, and at first ordered — These facts Gentlemen I hope have generally appeared in proof to your satisfaction — If I have erred in Construing the words or meaning of Gen[l] Arnolds orders I hope it will be considered as an error in Judgement, a Defect in the head and not in the heart — I will only add that this is the Twelvth Campaign I have served, eight of which as a Commissioned officer & during all which service I never was brought to a Court martial Confined or even Repremanded before, But on the Contrary I have ever had the good fortune of doing my Duty in such a manner as was pleasing and satisfactory to my several Commanding officers, for the proof of which I can appeal to several officers of Distinction here now on the ground — I here close my Defence with a perfect satisfaction and the greatest regard to the opinion of every gentleman in this Honourable Court not doubting in the least but that I shall be acquitted with Honour —

Crown Point 9th July, 1776. T. Bedel

[See American Archives, 5th Series, Vol. I. pp. 158–170, 239. July 19th a court-martial was ordered to try Bedel and Butterfield, and they were both cashiered. *Ibid*, p. 801. Colonel Bedel was on duty again early the following year, and in command of a regiment in 1777, 1778, and 1779, in which capacity he did good service, proving himself to be an energetic and capable officer. — Ed.]

[*Canada Recruits' Receipt for Bounty.*]

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

Colony of New Hampshire

We the Subscribers Received of Asa Davis Paymaster the Som of Seven pounds, eighteen Shillings for a bounty also two pound for, for one months advance pay for Canada Sarves we Say Received By us the Subscribers each one ouer Soms sat Down against ouer names

Nottingham West July 8ye 1776

	A Bounty	one months advance pay
	£ – S – D –	£ – S – D –
his John × Loring mark	7 – 18 – 0	2 – 0 – 0
Ichabod Esinau	7 – 18 – 0	2 – 0 – 0
Stephen Hadley	7 – 18 – 0	2 – 4 – 0d
Ephraim Chandler Chase	7 – 18 – 0	2 – 0 – 0
Micaiah Chase	7 – 18 – 0	2 – 0 – 0
His Thomas × Sarler mark	7 – 18 – 0	2 – 0 – 0
Timothy Pollord	7 – 18 – 0	2 – 0 – 0
Joshua Chase	7 – 18 – 0	2 – 0 – 0
Amos Kiney?	7 – 18 – 0	2 – 0 – 0
Jno. Caldwell	7 – 18 – 0	2 – 8 – 0 Sarg
Samuel Caldwell	7 – 18 – 0	2 – 0 – 0
Thomas Caldwell	7 – 18 – 0	2 – 0 – 0
Richard Marshall	7 – 18 – 0	2 – 0 – 0
John Pollard Jr.	7 – 18 – 0	2 – 0 – 0

	A Bounty			one months advance pay		
	£ -	S -	D -	£ -	S -	D -
William Merril						
his Ebenezer × Palord mark	7 -	18 -	0	2 -	0 -	0
Jemes Dickey	7 -	18 -	0	2 -	0 -	0
David Ames	7 -	18 -	0	2 -	0 -	0

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Mason July 12 ye 1776

	Bounty			one months pay advance		
	£ -	S -	D	£ -	S.	D.
John Dutten	7	18 -	0	2 -	0 -	0
Obadiah Parker						
Samuel Squier	7 -	18 -	0	2 -	0 -	0
Samuel Eliot	7 -	18 -	0	2 -	0 -	0
John Swallow	7 -	18 -	0	2 -	0 -	0
Nathan Hall Jun.	7 -	18 -	0	2 -	0 -	0
Samuel Smith	7 -	18 -	0	2 -	0 -	0
Joshua Davis	7 -	18 -	0	2 -	0 -	0
William Mills	7 -	18 -	0	2 -	0 -	0
Oliver Hodgman	7 -	18 -	0	2 -	0 -	0
Henry Hall	7 -	18 -	0	2 -	0 -	0
James S [Illegible]	7 -	18 -	0	2 -	0 -	0

[*Return of Capt. William Barron's Company.*]

We the Subscribers do acknowledge to have Recev^{d} of Nahum Baldwin Paymaster Company (Rais'^{d} for Canady) The Several Sums affixed to our Names as a —

N. B. The Capt Lieuts & Ens^{n} Recev^{d} Two months advance Pay, as by the —?

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

Officers	The Time when Muster^{d}.	Towne they Live in	aged	Their Names	the Sum Paid
Capt	July 15	Merymac	33	William Barron	16. 0. 0
Lieut	15	Dunstable	26	John Lund	10. 16. 0
Lieut	15	Wilton	35	Jonathan Burton	10. 16. 0
Ens^{n}	15	Amherst	33	James Gilmoor	8. 0. 0
	23	Amherst	27	Nathaniel Haselton	10. 6. 0
1st Sergt	23	Wilton	32	Richard Whitney	10. 6. 0
2^{d} D^{o}.	23	Dunstable	32	Abijah Reade	10. 6. 0
3^{d} D^{o}	23	Merymac	44	Benjn Vickery	10. 6. 0
4th D^{o}	23	Amherst	46	W^{m} McCluer	10. 2. 0
1st Corp^{l}	23	Dunstable	49	John Fletcher	10. 2. 0
2^{d} D^{o}.	23	Wilton	38	Josiah Parker	10. 2. 0
3^{d} D^{o}	24	Amherst	24	Ephraim French	10. 2 0
Drum^{r}	23	Merymac	16	Reubin Cumings	10. 2. 0
Fifer	23	D^{o}.	19	John Field	10. 2. 0
	June 27	Henniker	37	George Bemain	8. 0 0
	27	Keen	27	Wm Hardwick	8. 0. 0
	27	Amherst	21	Aaron Boutell	9. 18. 0
	July 1st	Amherst	32	Caleb Stevens	9. 18. 0
	1st	D^{o}.	28	Eleazer Readings	9. 18. 0
	1st	D^{o}.	20	Benjn Sterns	9. 18 0
	1st	D^{o}.	30	Ebenezer Rea	9 18 0
	1st	× D^{o}.	27	Nathaniel Hasalton ×	9. 18–0
	8th	Merymac	17	Wm Cowill	9–18–0
	10th	× Wilton	38	Josiah Parker ×	9–18–0
	10th	D^{o}.	33	Abijah Perry	9–18–0
	10th	D^{o}.	19	Henry Stevens	9–18–0
	10th	D^{o}.	29	Ephraim Baker	9–18–0
	10th	Wilton	42	Jonathan Greela.	9–18–0
	10th	D^{o}.	22	W^{m}. Parkhust	9–18–0
	10th	D^{o}.	39	Phinias Farrington	9–18–0
	10th	× D^{o}.	32	Richard Whitney ×	9–18–0

[*Capt. William Barron's Company — continued.*]

Officers	The Time when Muster[d].	Towne they Live in	aged	Their Names	The Sum Paid
	July 10th	Wilton	25	Caleb Putnam	9– 18– 0
	10th	D°.	19	Asa Peirce	9– 18– 0
	10th	D°.	26	Archelaus Putnam Junr	9– 18– 0
	10th	D°	18	Archalaus Kenney	9– 18– 0
	10th	D°	49	Isaac Peabody	9– 18– 0
			35	Jona. Burton ×	9–† 18–† 0
	10th	D°.	16?	Abraham Burton	9– 18– 0
	10th	Amherst	18	George Wilson	9– 18– 0
	10th	D°.	17	Robart Gibbs	9– 18– 0
	11th	D°.	19	Thomas Goodridge	9– 18– 0
	12th	Dunstable	18	Thomas Blanchard 3d	9– 18– 0
	12th	D°.	53	Thomas Killicut	9– 18– 0
	12th	D°.	21	Israel Ingols	9– 18– 0
	12th	D°.	43	Medad Combs	9– 18– 0
	12th	D°.	21	Levi Lund	9– 18– 0
	12th	D°.	19	Thomas Haris	9– 18– 0
	12th	D°.	19	Peter Honey	9– 18– 0
	12th	D°.	23	James Jewel	9– 18– 0
	12th	D°.	52	Benjn Bayley	9– 18– 0
	12th	D°.	49	John Fletcher ×	9– 18– 0
	12th	D°.	40	Charles Butterfield	9– 18– 0
	12th	D°.	32	Abijah Reed ×	9– 18– 0
	12th	D°.	19	Wm Butterfield	9– 18– 0
	12th	D°.	37	Abraham Hale	9– 18– 0
	12th	D°.	27	John Cunningham	9– 18– 0
	15th	Amherst	33	James Gilmore ×	
	15th	Merymac	16	Reuben Commings ×	9– 18– 0
	15th	D°.	20	John Combs	9– 18– 0
	15th	D°.	29	Timothy Harrington	9– 18– 0
	15th	D°.	33	Robert McNight	9– 18– 0
	15th	D°.	34	Jacob Wendell	9– 18– 0
	15th	D°.	40	John Vickery	9– 18– 0
	15th	D°.	19	Abijah Usher	9– 18– 0
	15th	Amherst	24	Ephraim French ×	9– 18– 0
	15th	Merymac	19	John Field ×	9– 18– 0
	15th	D°.	33	Thomas McCluer	9– 18– 0
	15th	Amherst	46	Wm McCluer.	9– 18– 0

[*Capt. William Barron's Company — concluded.*]

Officers	The Time when Musterd	Towne they Live in	aged	Their Names	The Sum Paid
	July 15th	Merymack	21	Wm Stewart	9– 18– 0
	15th	Do.	26	John Manahan	9– 18– 0
	15th	Amherst	26	Theadore Stevens	9– 18– 0
	15th	Merymack	44	Benjn Vickery ×	9– 18– 0
	15th	Amherst	40	John Burns	9– 18– 0
	15th	Do.	30	Saml Harris	9– 18– 0
	15th	Do.	19	Jonathan Lamson	9– 18– 0
	15th	Rockingham No 4	35	John Loide	9– 18– 0
	15th	Amherst	19	Benjn Clark	9– 18– 0
	16th	Do.	33	Wm Small Junr.	9– 18– 0
	16th	Do.	32	Robart McFarson	9– 18– 0
					£668– 6– 0

[Captain Barron's company marched August 1, 1776. See Vol. XIV. p. 690. Those marked with a × at the end of the name seem to be repetitions. — Ed.]

Muster and Pay roll of Capt. Jeremiah Eames' Company of Rangers for three months from July 13th 1776 to Oct. 13th

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

Head Quarters. The Great and Uper Coho'os

No.	NAMES.	Rank.	Time of Entry.	Rate pr Mo	Time in service	Amount of Wages	Bounty	Travel 1d pr mile to headquarters	Whole Amount.
			1776		Mo days			Miles	
1	Jeremiah Ames	Capt	July 13	£6 –	3 —	£18 —	——	——	£18 –
2	Zuhariah Parker	Lieut.	25 —	4 –	2 – 19	10 – 10 – 8	——	85 7 1	10 – 17 – 9
3	Gardner Dusten	Ensign	25 —	3 –	2 – 19	7 – 18	——	85 – 7. 1	8. 5. 1
4	Ward Bailey	Sergt	— 13	48/.	3. —	7 – 4 –	1.10 –	——	8. 14. —
5	Abner Osgood	do	— 13	48/.	3. —	7 – 4 –	1.10	——	8. 14.
6	Jonathan Willard	Private	27	40/.	2 – 17.	5. 2. 8.	1.10 –	50. 4. 2	6. 16. 10
7	William Pette,	do	25	do	2 – 19 –	5. 5. 4.	1.10.–	95 – 7 – 11	7 – 3 – 3
8	Jacob Draper	do	25	do	2 – 19 –	5. 5. 4.	1.10.	85. 7. 1	7 – 2 – 5
9	Ebenr Kentfield	do	25	do	2 – 19.	5. 5. 4.	1.10 –	90. 7. 6	7. 2. 10.
10	Jonathan Crafford	do	25	do	2 – 19 –	5. 5. 4.	1.10 –	90 – 7. 6	7. 2 10
11	James Blake	do	25	do	2 – 19 –	5. 5. 4.	1.10	——	6. 15. 4.
12	William Curtis	do	13	do	3. —	6. ——	1.10	——	7. 10.
13	Edmund Eastman	do	25	do	2 – 19	5. 5. 4.	1.10 –	95. 7. 11	7. 3. 3.
14	William Amy	do	Aug 3d	do	2 – 11	4. 14. 8	1.10	——	6. 4. 8.
15	Gideon Smith	do	5	do	2 – 9 –	4. 12 –	1.10	——	6. 2. 0
16	Zebulon Colby,	do	5	do	2 – 9 –	4 – 12	1.10	100. 8. 4	6. 10. 4.
17	John Page,	do	5	do	2 – 9	4 – 12	1.10	——	6. 2.
18	Archephus Bloget,	do	July 13th	do	3 – —	6 ——	1.10	——	7 – 10
19	Abijah Learned,	do	13	do	3. —	6. ——	1.10	——	7 – 10 –
20	Thomas Blodget	do	13	do	3. —	6. ——	1.10	——	7 – 10 –
21	Nathan Caswell	do	13	do	3. —	6. ——	1.10	——	7 – 10
22	John Hazletine	do	24	do	2 – 20	5. 6. 8	1.10	90. 7. 6.	7. 4. 2
23	James Whiting	do	24	do	2. 20	5. 6. 8.	1.10	90. 7. 6	7. 4. 2.
24	Abel Lovejoy	do	24	do	2 – 20	5. 6. 8	1.10	90. 7. 6	7. 4. 2.

[*Capt. Jeremiah Eames's Company — concluded.*]

No.	NAMES.	Rank.	Time of Entry.	Rate pr Mo	Time in service	Amount of Wages	Bounty	Travel 1d pr mile to headquarters	Whole Amount.
					Mo days				
25	Benjamin Sawyer	Private	July 25	40/.	2. 19	5. 5. 4	1.10.	85. 7 – 1	7. 2. 5.
26	Samuel Marsh	do	25	do	2 – 19	5. 5. 4	1.10	85. 7. 1	7. 2. 5.
27	John Willoughby	do	25	do	2. 19	5. 5. 4.	1.10	85. 7. 1	7. 2. 5.
28	Josiah Chapman	do	25	do	2. 19	5. 5. 4	1.10	90. 7. 6.	7. 2. 10.
29	Joseph Palmer	do	25	do	2. 19	5. 5. 4.	1.10	90. 7. 6	7. 2. 10
30	Edw[d] Taylor	do	25	do	2 – 19	5. 5. 4	1.10	90. 7. 6	7. 2. 10
31	Benjamin Preston	do	25	do	2. 19	5. 5. 4	1.10	85. 7 – 1	7. 2. 5
32	Alexander Craige	do	25	do	2. 19	5. 5. 4	1.10	85. 7 1	7. 2. 5.
33	John Gibson	do	25	do	2 – 19	5. 5. 4	1.10. –	90. 7. 6	7. 2. 10
34	Jonathan Clerk	do	24	do	2 – 20	5. 6. 8.	1.10	100. 8 4	7. 5. —
35	Benj[a] Pegsley	do	24	do	2 – 20	5. 6. 8	1.10	100. 8. 4	7. 5. —
36	David Cunningham	do	25	do	2 – 19	5. 5. 4.	1.10 –	95 – 7 – 11	7. 3. 3
37	Dill Sawyer	do	13	do	3 –	6 ——	1.10	— ——	7 – 10. —
38	John Drake	do	13	do	3	6 ——	1.10	— ——	7. 10. —
39	Josiah Blodget.	do	Aug[t] 12	do	2 – 2	4 2. 8	1.10.	— ——	5. 12. 8
40	Thomas Peaverley	do	12	do	2 – 2	4. 2. 8	1.10.	— ——	5. 12 – 8
41	Caleb Marshall	do	12	do	2 – 2	4. 2. 8	1.10.	— ——	5. 12. 8
42	Moses Paige	do	19	do	1. 25	3. 13. 4	1.10.	— ——	5. 3. 4.
43	Samuel Paige	do	19	do	1. 25	3. 13 – 4	1.10	— ——	5. 3. 4.
44	David Learned	do	19	do	1. 25	3. 13 – 4	1.10	— ——	5. 3. 4.
45	Abel Learned	do	19	do	1. 25	3. 13. 4	1.10.	— ——	5. 3. 4.
46	Nathan Barlow	do	19	do	1. 25	3. 13. 4	1.10.	— ——	5. 3. 4.
47	Abner Barlow	do	19	do	1. 25	3. 13. 4	1.10	— ——	5. 3. 4.
48	Daniel Spaulding	do	19	do	1. 25	3. 13. 4	1.10	— ——	5. 3. 4.
49	David Brown	do	19	do	1. 25	3. 13 – 4	1.10.	85. 7. 1	5. 10. 5
50	Abijah Right	do	22	do	1. 22	3. 9. 4	1.10	85. 7. 1	5. 6. 5.
									£352. 13. 11

This is a true Roll. Jeremiah Eames.

Sworn to by Capt Eames before the Committee.

Exeter, Novem 1st 1776

This Roll amounting to three hundred fifty two pounds, thirteen shillings and eleven pence is right cast.

Exam[d] Joseph Gilman one of the Committee on Acc[t]

Pay Roll of Capt David Woodward's Company of Rangers for the state of New Hampshire, Commencing when enter'd said service and ending when they were discharg'd

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

Names and Ranks		Entry	Discharge	Time in Service	Rate per Month	Bounty	Whole Amount
				days			
David Woodward.	Capt	July 5	Octo 4	92	6. 0. 0.		18.– 0.– 0
Abel Lyman	Lieut	do	do	do	4. 0. 0.		12 – 0 – 0
Joshua Hazen	Commissary	do	do	do	3 - 0 - 0		9.– 0.– 0
John Bacon	Serjeant	July 7	do	90	2 - 8 - 0	1 – 10 – 0	8 – 10 – 10
John Colburn	ditto	" 8	do	89	2 - 8 - 0	1 – 10 – 0	8 – 9 – 3
Joel Brown	ditto	" 7	do	90	2 - 8 - 0	1 – 10 – 0	8 – 0 – 5
Benjamin Davis	Corp'l	" 7	do	90	2 - 4 - 0	1 – 10 – 0	8 – 0 – 5
Ashahel Tucker	ditto	" 7	do	90	2 - 4 - 0	1 – 10 – 0	7 – 19 – 0
Elkanah Sprague	ditto	" 8	do	89	2 - 4 - 0	1 – 10 – 0	7 – 10 – 0
Asa Hodges	Private	" 7	do	90	2 - 0 - 0	1 – 10 – 0	7 – 7 – 4
Canet Sawyer	"	" 7	do	do	do	1 – 10. 0	7 – 7 – 4
David Haze		" 7	do	do	do	1 – 10. 0	7 – 7 – 4
Daniel Bliss		" 8	do	89	do	1 – 10 – 0	7 – 6 – 10
Eleazer Woodward		" 8	do	do	do	1 – 10 – 0	7 – 6 – 10
Gershom Dunham		" 8	do	do	do	1 – 10 –	7 6 10
Experience Trisket		" 7	do	90	do	1 – 10 –	7 7 – 4
Asa Holt		" 7	do	do	do	1 – 10 –	7 7 4
John Burnap		" 7	do	do	do	1 – 10 –	7.– 7.– 4
Jeremiah Trisket		" 7	do	do	do	1 – 10 –	7 7 – 4
Jeremiah Meacham		" 8	do	89	do	1 – 10	7 – 6 – 10
John Lyman		" 8	do	do	do	1 – 10.	7 – 6 – 10
Isaac Bridgman		" 7	do	90	do	1 – 10.	7.– 7.– 4
Luther Lincoln		" 7	do	do	do	1 – 10 –	7. 7. 4
Luther Wheatly		" 8	do	89	do	1 – 10 –	7 – 6 – 10
Nathan Chaffe		" 7	do	90	do	1 – 10	7 – 7 – 4
Samuel Bayley		" 8	do	89	do	1 – 10	– 7 – 6 – 10
Silas Tinney		" 7	do	90	do	1 – 10	– 7 – 7 – 4
Thomas Hails		" 7	do	90	do	1 – 10	7 – 7 – 4
Walter Peck		" 8	do	89	do	1 – 10 –	7 – 6 – 10
David Wright		Aug 16	do	46	do	" 15	3 – 13 – 8
Jonathan Wright		do	do	do	do	" 15	3 – 13 – 8
Nathaniel Burbe		July 8	do	89	do	1 – 10	7 – 6 – 10

This is a true Roll — David Woodward Capt

Sworn to before the Committee

Within roll	£ 249.	6.	9
Billeting &c	99	15	1
Doctor's Bill	2	7	5
	£ 351 – 9 – 3		

Exeter Oct 24th 1776

Received of the Committee of Safety the above sum of Three hundred and fifty one pounds nine shillings and three pence by order on the Treas'r.

Copy exd J. Gilman — David Woodward Capt

[*Meshech Weare to John Hancock.*]

[Original in Dep't of State, Washington, D. C.]

In Committee of Safety at Exeter July 16th 1776

Sir

This moment the Committee were honour'd with the Receipt of your Letter of the 6th Instant, Inclosing a Declaration, Seperating the United States of America from any connection with Great Britain, and for their being Independent States. It is with Pleasure I can assure you that notwithstanding a Very few months since, many persons in this colony were greatly averse to anything that looked like Independance of Great Britain, The Late Measures planned, and Executing against us, have so alter'd their opinions, that Such a Declaration was what they most Ardently wished for — And I verily believe It will be Received with great satisfaction, Throughout the Colony. A very few Individuals excepted — The fifteen hundred men of our Melitia Requested to Recruit the Army, i n Canada, are mostly Raised — One Company marched from Portsmouth yesterday. More are coming forward and I believe most of them will march this week.

No cloth fit for Tents could be procured in this Colony, and the men must remain destitute unless they can be Supplyed from the Southward —

That he who putteth down Potentates, & Setteth up States, may Guard and Protect the United States of America, Is the most fervent & sincere desire of —

Your obedient Hum. Servt

Meshech Weare

P. S. The general Court, and Committee of Safety Set at Exeter, where you will please to direct in future. This Express went 30 miles out of his way by being directed to Portsmouth —

Honble. John Hancock Esq

[Endorsed] No. 8.

Letter from the Committee of Safety of New Hampshire July 16, 1776 — read 25 — expressing the happy effects of the Declaration of Independence.

[R. 5 – 60]

[*Lieut. Col. Connor to Col. Wingate*, 1776.]

Coll. Wingate Sr.— When I saw you at Exeter you Signifyd to me you had appointed one Surgion for your Regiment and allow'd me a voice in the Nomination or Choice of another & majr. Baker Came to my house Last Night on his way to No: four with Docr Moores [Samuel Moore] with him in company a gent I am well aquaint with, living in the same town where majr Baker lives; & Sr it wo'd be very agreable to me & majr Baker if the gent. might have yr. approbation & appointment to the said office

this from yr Humble Servants.

Pembrook July 19th 1776. Samuel Connor
Moses Baker

Dover July 20th 1776—

This may certify that I approve of above recommendation —

Joshua Wingate

[R. 5 – 61]

Diary of Travels of Thos Miner & Ezekiel Wheeler on a Scout from the lower Cohoos round the highth Land West of Connecticut River to the Upper Coho'os by order & Direction of John Hurd Esq. —vizt —

[John Hurd, Jacob Bayley, and Charles Johnstone, were authorized by the Committee of Safety to take charge of all scouting parties under pay of the colony.— Ed.]

1776
July 23 } Sett out from Haverhill over to Newbury thence steering about No. W. travelled on till we struck one of the branches of Well's River —

24. Continued the same course till we crossed two large Branches of the same River, when there came on a heavy thunder shower, & kept on raining till almost daylight —

25. Continued nearly the same course till we met with a small pond & then a large branch of the River supposed ye main branch of Well's River, when we kept on a West course till we again found two other branches, and then taking ye No Branch continued our course until night —

July 26. Then keeping on till about 9 o'clock came upon a large pond, travelled round to the West end when came on another severe thunder storm wch held till middle of afternoon — The storm abating we went on steering N°. & passed several small streams and Beaver Dams, followed up a large hill till night

27. Continued a N°, Course up a very steep Hill till about noon — when we killed a Moose & while there climb'd a Tree to look out & see how the land bore — discovered Mountains that lay along on Onion River, & on the West side of Lake Champlain, also the high lands called the Grand Monadnocks at the 3^d Coho'os — This was the highest Land we traveled over affording a very extensive prospect — I saw a large pond lying about N°. West, wch we steered for & came upon it about middle of afternoon travelled along on the East side of it, judging this pond to be about two miles in length, & wch. empty'd in the N° West — then steering North till night over sunking Land & exceeding bad travelling — Campt —

28. Kept on a N°. Course, still over such sunken Land & bad travelling till we came to another Large Pond took a view on the S°. & East side to make Discoverys if any marks of Indians till we came to the S°. W. end, judged s^d pond to be 3 miles in length, & found it empty'd at ye S°. E. & N°. W. ends — then steered again a North Course, pass'd over a very steep hill almost right up & down, on s^d Hill we clim a Tree from whence we see three ponds — 1 to ye W. 1 E. N°. E. & 1 N°. wch we steered for & viewd all along said pond till we crossed between two which empty'd one into ye other other then steered N° till night raining all night till some time ye forenoon of ye next day —

29. Continued to travel N° & N° W. till we came to a Large Sunken Stream, there we found some old Indian Encampments the s^d. stream run N°. W.— then came upon the most hideous Cedar Swamp ever seen the Trees being near 2 foot over about 3/4 mile — kept on our Course up a Hill when it began to thunder & rain, & continued all night till the next morn'g —

30. Then stea'd N°. E. over good Land, the Streams running N°. W. till we came to the New Market Road — hit said Road just at the foot of a hill, where was a small Brook that some persons had campt all night — kept on a N°. E. Course

till we came upon an Indian Camp that lookt as if there had been sugaring several years — coutinued our Course thro a Cedar Swamp & Came to a large pond in shape of a horse shee wch. we judged to be 2 miles in length — emptying in the N^{o}. W. & S^{o}. E. when it thundered & storm violently — there also we saw ye marks of Indian hunting places & camps — thence going on N^{o}. East till we came upon a large Hill where we killd a Dear when it came on to rain just after Dark, & so continued all night —

31. Steerd N^{o}. E. again till we came to a large Stream running S^{o}. E. crossing many Cedar Swamps & small Streams running W. & N^{o}. W. till night —

Aug. 1. It rained till sometime this morning when we set out steering E. N^{o}. E. till we came to a high mountain, we saw the Grand Monadnoc Mountain wch bore from us E. & by S^{o} the provisions then growing short we steered S^{o}. E. over good Land & came to a Large Stream running S^{o}. E. till night — we discovered no Indians in all this Travell —

2. Steerd E. S^{o}. E. keeping our Course as straight as we cou'd the whole day — towards night came upon a large Stream run'g S^{o}. crossed & kept on about a mile & then campt —

3. This day we steerd E. S^{o}. E. again, found very bad travelling, being showery all day came to a Large Stream & there campt. —

4. Crossed this Stream run'g near'y S^{o}. & steerd E. S^{o}. E. still over Cedar Swamps, very bad travelling & exceeding rocky Land till we came to a Hill, where clim a Tree & discovered the Mountains on ye East side Con^{t} River then about mid afternoon kept on our Course over a body of good Land 2 or 3 hours till we came on to another Cedar Swamp & then ris' a considerable of a high Hill where clim a Tree & could see the cleard L^{d}. at Esqr Page's went down said hill and campt

5. This morning steerd S^{o}. E. & b. S^{o}. & came on to a Saml Nash's Settlem^{t}. about 10 'Clock A. M. — a good Land Fall — In the Township of Lunenburg —

The above is a true Diary of our Travell —

Haverhill 17th Augt. 1776 Thos Miner

[R. 5-62]

[*Samuel Paine's Diary.*]

A Diary of Travel on a Scouting party by order & Directions from John Hurd Esqr of Haverhill Cohoos —

1776 July 15. } Received my Instructions from Col^o Hurd wth a Letter to the Commanding Officer at Crown point & went down Connect^t River to Lebanon — miles 40

17. Then set off with Eleaz^r Aspinwall & travelled to Windsor — ab^t 18

18. Being rainy weather travelled to Cavendish — 12

19. Continued our travel, tho rainy A. M. to Ludlow — 19

20. Continued our travel to Socialboro — 20

21 } Continued travelling thro ye woods very bad blind
22 } Road to Ticonderoga } 40

23 } Tarryed at the Fort at Ticonderoga awaiting orders
24 } from General Gates — who allowed us five days provisions to return on our Scout

25. Proceeded to Crown point, made but little Tarry there, showed our pass & went to Panton } 25

26. Took Boat & proceded down the Lake to Onion River, and calld upon Col^o. Waite for his advice, who advis'd us to go up ye River ab^t. 10

to avoid the large Bays, & then to steer Northerly till we hit the River Le Moel the main

27. Branch near the mouth of it —

28. Kept travelling upon or near the River till we

29. struck Col^o. Bayleys New Road when we

30. kept on our travel till we got into the

31. Town of Newbury — & waited on Col^o Hurd and Col^o Bayley & reported we had met no Enemys thro' the whole of our Scout, neither Indians french nor Regulars —

Augt 1. } Remained at Coho's to recruit after our Fatigues —
2. }

3. } Went dow River to Lebanon the place of my abode —
4. }

Paid charges on our Journey out & home £1. 12.—

Also drew 5 days provisions, only, each of us, from ye public Stores —

The above is a true Diary Saml Paine

Also Carry^d a Letter on public Service from Col^o. Hurd & Col^o. Bayley Committee, to Capt. Woodard, & went out from Lebanon to Royalston with s^d. Letter 25 miles thence by desire of ye Committee returned to Haverhill —

[See Vol. VIII. p. 317.]

[R. 5 – 63]

[*Petition for Arms and Ammunition.*]

Colony of N. Hampshire — To the Honble the Committee of Safety for the Said Colony —

Humbly Sheweth Jonathan Moulton Esqr. in behalf of the Inhabitants of Moultonborough & Tamworth — That said Inhabitants are almost Destitute of Arms and Ammunition for their Defence against the enemy, and as many other Towns in the like Circumstances have had grants of Powder and of Money to Purchase Firearms Lead & flints: He Humbly Prays & hopes your Hon^{rs} will consider their Distressed State and Condition, and make them such grants as in your Wisdom & Prudence you shall see fit, and your Petitioner on their behalf Shall ever pray &c —

Exeter July 24th 1776 — Jon^{a} Moulton

In Moultonboro,' Soldiers	66.	In Tamworth, Soldiers ab^{t}.	40.
Arms in order	27.	Arms —	7.
D^{o}. out of order	6.	Wanting —	33.
Wanting	33.		

[The Committee of Safety directed the Receiver-General to pay Colonel Moulton £35 for each town, to buy guns, and £15 to buy 50 pounds of powder, to be divided between the two towns. — Ed.]

[*Samuel Young's Receipt. Bedel Papers, p.* 42.]

Received of Col^{o}. Bedel five fire Arms at Montreal for the use of my Company in s^{d} Col^{o}. Reg^{t}. 42/ [42 shillings] each

Ticonderoga 31 July 1776 — pr Samuel Young Capt

[*Receipts. Bedel Papers, p.* 46.]

State of New Hampshire, Haverhill (Cohoos) Decem. 24th 1776

We the Subscribers acknowledge to have received of Colonel Israel Morey (by the hand of Lieu^{t}. Col^{o}. Charles Johnston) the sum of Three pounds for one Months advance wages to each of us as Soldiers in the Continental Army to serve from this date untill the first day of March next agreeable to our Inlistment —

Alexr Hodge	Ephraim Wesson	Job Moulton
William Miner	Samuel Lang	Jacob his × mark Kent
Samuel Parker	Hezekiah Fuller	
Solomon Parker	John Loverin	Elisha Warner

[R. 5-65]

[*Petition from the Gunner at Fort Washington.*]

August 1st. 1776 A Petition to the General Cort at Exeter — Gentlemen I hope you will take in to Consideration My Sittuation as I was the first that ever struck a stroke at Gunery in Portsmouth and have Continued in it Ever Sence wich Is almost one year: as first Gunner of Fort Washington and further I have fixed ramors and Spunges for fort Sullivan as well as ours. Now Gentlemen I mean to acquaint you with my Sittuation I was a Lowd a yeoman & one mate wich have Extreordinary pay but I reape no benefit by them for Euvations the Spring that they was Weath or to Work I have Rought by my Self and made allmost 700 wads for the Cannon, besides Repairing my Ramors and Spunges and in Ciping all in Order and now they are wanting the same to be done at Great Island wich I will do if you will be pleased to grant me my warrent and *rank* and pay wich is with the Second Liftennant and I Beg Gentlemen that I may have libberty in my warrent to *Chuse* men that is Sutable for my Bisness as many as you *Chuse* I should have if I have two *Good* men Might Possible Do but three would Do *better* to Do No other Duty Those that Capt Salter Ordered to assist me has ben Cept on Strict Duty in the Gards wich could not be Expected they could Do me much Good in my busness I have had 2000 Musquit Cartrigess to make for the fort besides 700 or upwards for the Cannon and Dont Receive nothing better to drink than a Cup of Cold warter if you Honers pleases to Consider me I will fit Everything for the Guns that is for Great Isleand and Afterwords if it is your Desire Gentlemen I will Go along with them or where you please to send me and will Indeavour to live up to my warrent as far as I can Possible Do and Stick by until the war is over *Consider* Gentlemen what is the bare sum of 50/ [shillings] pr month for to Provide for a family and find me *Close* to Go Deasent in My Station So I Leave it To your Honers Goodness and Beg my warrent if I am a warrent Offeser So I Remain Your Very Humble Servant and for the Cause of my Country

John Williams

[He was in Captain Salter's company at Fort Washington.—Ed.]

[R. 5-66]

[*Letter from President of Congress.*]

Philadelpha Sep^{t}. 3^{d}. 1776

Gentlemen — Our Enemise being determined to make a powerfull Attack on New York and the states adjoining thereto; & having for this purpose collected their whole force from every part of the Continent, it is incumbent on the united States of America to take the most effectual Measures to defeat this deep laid scheme against their Country — The Congress have just receiv^{d} information from General Washington, of the very great and superior strength of the Enemy — And if we consider the recent change in the situation of our affairs at New York; we shall soon be convinced that nothing will prove an adequate remedy in our present circumstances, but the most vigorous exertion on our part — I am therefore, by order of the Congress, to request that you will immediately send all the aid in your power to our army at New York — The state of our Affairs is so extremely critical that delay may be attended with fatal Consequences — suffer me therefore to press you, in the Name & by the Authority of your Country to an immediate compliance, and with all the earnestness so naturally suggested by the Importance of the Cause. Alth^{o} I doubt not your own arder would be a sufficient stimulus, when called by the Voice of Liberty, yet my anxiety is so great, I cannot refrain, on the present occasion from beseeching you to exert yourselves — Everything is at stake — our Religion, our Liberty — the Peace & Happiness of Posterity, are the grand objects in dispute, which that we may be able to procure & transmit to future Generations is the constant and uninterupted wish of

Gentlemen — Your most Obedient & very Humble Servant

John Hancock — President

Copy — To the Honble Assembly of New Hampshire

[At a special convention of the Council and Assembly, Sept. 14th, it was voted to raise 1000 men to reënforce the army in New York. — Ed.]

[R. 5-67] [*Col. David Gilman's Letter.*]

Septr ye 4th. 1776

Gentlemen of the Counsel and House of Representatives for the State of N. Hampshire —

Have to inform you that L^{t}. andrew Martial of Capt Daniels Company of artillery is Dismissed this Day from the service for Disobe-

dience of orders — I supose your Honours will think it best to fill up the Vacancy. If that should be the case, I would beg the leave to Recommend Capt Gregory of Portsmouth to be a very good man by what acquaintance I have had with him I have conversed with Capt. Daniels and he appears to be well pleased with the man — I should be glad your Honors will consult what Cannon is to be Put into the new foart as we have been Ready to mount a number for sum time but could not for want of Directions. I wait your Honours Commands which I shall Readyly Comply with.

Your most obedient Humble Servant

David Gilman

[Superscribed]

To The Honorble. Meshech Weare Esqr. Presedent of the Counsel for the State of N. Hampshire Exeter

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[R. 5 – 69]

[*Petition of John House & Daniel Clap.*]

Colony of New Hampshire To the Honble the Council & house of Representatives in General Assembly convened Septr 10th A. D. 1776 —

The Humble Petition of John House & Danl Clap, both of Hanover in the County of Grafton in said Colony — Gentlemen *Sheweth* that your Petitioners on the first day of Septr. last with one Capt. Israel Curtiss since decd. understanding that the American Troops then in Canada were small, and that a reinforcement was much needed your Petitioners as first and second Lieuts. under the said Curtiss as Captain voluntarily engaged with thirty four other Men to make a Company & march immediately to reinforce said troops — That each of said Company did at his own charge furnish himself with Gun Blanket, Ammunition & ten days Provisions and that the officers of said Company of Volunteers found at their expence four Camp kettles for the use of the Company — That your Petitioners & Company upon their arrival at the Camp, St. Johns, were gladly received & ordered by General Montgomery to join Col. Bedles Regiment where they continued to do duty untill the 18th day of November A. D. 1775 when they engaged to serve thro the Winter — As your Petitirs. and Company went into service of the Country when their assistance was much needed your Petitioners in behalf of sd Company pray that said Company may be paid for the articles so provided by the Company, and the officers for said kettles and that

your honors would consider each Volunteer in said Company as entitled to the same Bounty as was allowed to the other soldiers in Col. Bedles Regiment — and your Pet^rs as in Duty bound will ever pray &c

John House
Daniel Clap

In the House of Representatives Septr. 14th 1776, The above Petition being read & considered Voted that this house will not Grant the prayer thereof —

Sent up for Concurrence P. White Speaker

[R. 5 – 70]

[*Petition from the Frontier Towns*, 1776.]

State of New Hampshire — To the Hon^o. The Council & House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire —

The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the Severall Towns at & Near the Greate Cohoss, Humbly Sheweth, That your Petitioners living remote from the Popolus Towns within this State & on the Frontire adjoining to that part of the Continent now in full possession of our Enemies, are greatly exposed to their Mersiless resentment & being apprehensive that the Indians may be employed to disturb us Petitiond your Honours & the House of Representatives, at their late Session [1] for a Company of Soldiers to be Quartered among us, which in your great goodness and attention to the Generall good of the State you complyd with, & the said Company is now Stationed among us, which tends greatly to quiet our apprehensions of Danger & render our Situation much safer than it wou'd otherwise be, thereby enabling us to Continue on our Farms & to cultivate the same for the support of ourselves & Families which otherwise would be reduced to want & wretchedness especially many of us who have no other way of Subsisting but by the produce of our Infant Settlements in this part of the Country —

But inasmuch as the appointment of said Company was for Three months only which time will expire sometime in the month of October, when we shall be left in the same defenceless State we were in before the said appointment. Your Petitioners Therefore Humbly Request that, your Honours The Council & the Honble. House would still Continue to afford us that Protection that our peculiar Situation evidently requires —

Northumberland September ye 16, 1776.

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[1] See Vol. VIII. p. 172.

James Blake
Ward Bailey
Caleb Marshall
Emmons Stockwell
Abner Osgood
Josiah Blodgett
Thomas Bloggett
David Page
Thomas Burnside
John Sawyer
Daniel Spaldin
Jer^{h} Eames
Moses Page
Eliezer Rosbrook
David Learned
Thomas Peverly
John French
John Smith
Archippus Blogget
Nathan Caswell
Joseph Barlow
James Curtiss
Gideon Smith
Samuel Page
Benj^{a} Sawyer
David Page iur
Edwards Bucknam
Dill Sawyer

[R. 5-71]

[*Coös Committee. Instructions to Capt. Bucknam.*]

We the Subscribers being appointed a Committee By the Inhabitants of the Several Towns in the Great Coos viz — Lancaster Northumberland Guildhall [Vt.] & Stratford to give instructions to Capt Edwards Bucknam who being chose and appointed by the Inhabitants of the Several Towns afores^{d} to go down to the General Court for the State of New Hampshire Now seting att Exetor — Therefore we Do Direct and advise the said Capt Bucknam to Present the Petition to the General Cort that the inhabitants of these Towns have sent by the s^{d} Capt. Bucknam Praying that the Honorable Cort would Raise a Number of men and send up to this Coos for the Protection of the Inhabitants Now on their Plantations in those Fronteer Towns — we also Recommend the s^{d} Capt. Bucknam in Behalf of the inhabitants afores^{d}. to the Honorable Cort for any office or Command of any Party of men that the Court in their Wisdom should see Proper to be Raised and sent for our Protection — or for s^{d} Capt Bucknam to Nominate any sutable Person or Persons in any of those Towns for a Commander of s^{d} Party of men that may be Rais^{d}— Likewise a Commassary which may be likly to give Content and be Faithfull to the Collony, as some of those Preveledges may Prove incoragements to these Frunteer Settlements if any their be that is Thought fit for any such ofice — and as the Commander of the Company Now stationed Hear & Comasary Have Not Conducted themselves agreable to the minds of the Inhabitants Nor for the Benefit of this State — therefore it is Desired that the inhabitants may Not be impos'd upon by thes two Gentelmen any Longer than their first ingagements are Expired — and although the Honorable Court Has seen fit to send for our Protection a Number of able Bodyed men who are Now stationed amongst us in order as we soposed to Build or Erect any fort or Breastwork or att least to Com-

pleat that fort we the inhabitants had Built, with storhouse and Barracks that we might have had some place of Refuge to flea to with our familys att any Suden Danger or Surprise — But Notwithstanding all our Expectations & Hopes of Safty we are unhapily Disappointed — for our fort stands just as Capt Eams found it without the least alteration Except Age — Thus we do desire you the s^{d} Capt Bucknam in the behalf of the inhabitants to inform the Honorable Court of our Setuation that we are Now in, and Prehaps they may think we shall Be in a much worse Condition if we are Driven into our Naked fort without anything to seport Nature or Cover our Heads which if there is No Better Managements than there is att Present No Dought Will Be the Case —

Theirfore we would advise you to Present these Lines to the Honorable Committee of Safety and also to wait on the Court for their Pleasure and Determination and to Receive such orders as they in their Wisdom shall Direct & make as Peedy Return as Posable

Ward Bailey
Benj^{a} Sawyer } Committee
James Curtiss

Dated att fort Weare in Northumberland Sep^{t} the 21 — 1776 —

[R. 5-72] [*Colonel John Hurd to General Folsom.*]

Col^{o} Hurd's Respects wait on General Folsom & incloses with this a late Philad^{a} paper with a plan of Governm^{t} for the State of Pensylvania & some of the last advices from England — Also Copy of General Washington's Letter to the Council of Massa. State wch we were desirous of seeing at Exeter — & Col^{o} Hurd thot. would be acceptable to the Committee of Safety to whom Genl Folsom will please to communicate that & the News paper —

Cambridge 4th Oct. 1776.

[Addressed] To General Nathl Folsom Esq at Exeter, ℘ favor Mr Odlin.

[R. 5-73] [*Meshech Weare to General Folsom.*]

Hampton Falls Octr 13, 1776

Sr You will see by the Inclosed letter to the Secretary which I opened understanding it was on Publick business that Blank Commissions are wanting which I believe we can furnish — I suppose they are in the Closett where the Secretarys Papers are kept at Deacon Brooks's and that you have or may find the key and let the Bearer have so many as you think may be Conveniently Spared taking his Recept —

From y^r obe^t Hum^le Servt

M. Weare

Honble Genl Folsom at Exeter

Col° Johnston's Muster Roll of Capt Thomas Simpson's Company at Coos 1776

A Muster roll of the Company belonging to Capt. Thomas Simpson of Haverhill in the State of New Hampshire.

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

Thomas Simpson Capt.
Joshua Hayward Lieut.
Thos. Simpson Jun. Ensign

Andrew Simpson	Ephraim Wesson Jun.
Luther Richardson	Jonathan Hopkinson Jun.
Nehemiah Lovewell Jun.	Daniel Fox
John Russell	William Belknap
Sergeants	Corporals

Nathaniel Rix Drummer

John Way	William Abbott	Minicus Griffin
Stephen Gilman	John Phillips	Benjamin Griffin
Samuel Way	James Eastman	Benjamin Mason
Stephen Smith	Peter Eastman	Josiah Whitlesey
Joseph Griffin	Jon^a Eastman	Elisha Cleveland
Morss Pearson	Elisha Warner	Elisha Lock Jun
Isaac Shepherd jun.	John Clark	John Chace
Jonathan Presscut	Jonathan Clark +	Robert Simpson

Benj[a] Shaw	Aaron Wesson	Tim[o] Stevens
Gilman Clough	Peter Wesson	John Merrel
Ebenezer Dame	Job Moulton	Jon[a] Barron
Philip Norback	Jon[a] Moulton —	Jonathan Walker
Richard Stalbird	Silas Wheeler ×	Phillip Grapes
Timothy Haseltine	Alex[r] Hodge	
James Wesson	Abner Fowler	

Haverhill 12th Octob[r] 1776.

These may certify that agreeable to orders rec[d] from the General Assembly of this State I have musterd the Company under Command of Captain Thomas Simpson as by the Roll on the other side being good and effective men except Jonathan Clark & Silas Wheeler.

℘ Charles Johnston

Pay Roll of Capt Thomas Simpson's Ranging Company in the service of the State of New Hampshire 1776—

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

	NAMES	Rank	Rate pr Month	Time of Entry	Miles travelled at 1d pr mile	Time in Service Mo. Days	Advanced wages & Blanket	Wages due
1	Thomas Simpson	Capt.	£ 6.	14 Sep[r]	0	2 – 18	£ 3. 12	£ 12 – 12 – 0
2	Joshua Haywood	Lieut	4.	ditto	0	2 – 18	2 – 12	8 – 8 –
3	Thomas Simpson Jun[r]	Ensign	3 – 10	ditto	0	2 – 18	2 – 7	7 – 7 –
4	Andrew Simpson	Sergeant	2 – 8	21st Sept.	115	2 – 11	1 – 16	4 – 19 – 2
5	Luthar Richardson	ditto	2 – 8	1st Oct[r]	0	2 – 1	1 – 16	3 – 13 – 7
6	John Russell	ditto	2 – 8	ditto	0	2 – 1	1 – 16	3 – 13 – 7
7	Nehemiah Lovewell	ditto	2 – 8	ditto	0	2 – 1	1 – 16	3 – 13 – 7
8	Ephraim Wesson	Corp[l]	2 – 4	ditto	0	2 – 1	1 – 14	3 – 7 – 6
9	Jon[a] Hopkinson	ditto	2 – 4	ditto	0	2 – 1	1 – 14	3 – 7 – 6
10	Daniel Fox	ditto	2 – 4	21 Sep[r]	110	2 – 11	1 – 14	4 – 11 – 4
11	William Belnap	ditto	2 – 4	1st Oct[r]	0	2 – 1	1 – 14	3 – 7 – 6
12	Nath[l] Rix	Drum[r]	2 – 4	ditto	0	2 – 1	1 – 14	3 – 7 – 6
13	John Way	Private	2 – 0	ditto	0	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
14	Samuel Way	ditto	2 – 0	ditto	0	2. 1	1 – 12	3. 1 – 4
15	Stephen Smith	ditto	2 . 0	ditto	0	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
16	John Phillips	ditto	2 – 0	ditto	0	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
17	James Eastman	ditto	2 – —	ditto	0	2 – 1	1 – 12	3. 1 – 4
18	William Abbot	ditto	2 – —	ditto	0	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
19	Peter Eastman	ditto	2 – —	ditto	0	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
20	Jonathan Eastman	ditto	2 – —	ditto	0	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
21	Elisha Warner	ditto	2 – —	ditto	0	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
22	John Clerk	ditto	2 – —	ditto	0	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
23	Josiah Whittlesey	ditto	2 – —	ditto	0.	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
24	Elisha Cleaveland	Private	2 – —	1st Oct.	0.	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
25	Elisha Lock	do	2 – —	do	0	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
26	John Chace	do	2 – —	do	0.	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
27	Robert Simpson	do	2 – —	do	0.	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
28	Ebenezer Darn	do	2 – —	do	0.	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4

29	Philip Norbeck	do	2 –	do	0	2 – 1	1 – 12 –	3 – 1 – 4
30	Richard Stalbird	do	2 –	do	0	2 – 1	1 – 12 – 0	3 – 1 – 4
31	Timothy Hazelton	do	2 –	do	0	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
32	James Wesson	do	2 –	do	0	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
33	Aaron Wesson	do	2 –	do	0	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
34	Peter Wesson	do	2 –	do	0	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
35	Job Moulton	do	2 –	do	0	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
36	Jon[a] Moulton	do	2 –	do	0	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
37	Alexander Hodge	do	2 –	do	0	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
38	Abner Fowler	do	2 –	do	0	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
39	Timothy Stevens	do	2 –	do	0	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
40	Jonathan Barron	do	2 –	do	0	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
41	John Merril	do	2 –	do	0	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
42	Jonathan Walker	do	2 –	do	0	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
43	Philip Grapes	do	2 –	do	0	2 – 1	1 – 12	3 – 1 – 4
44	Isaac Shepherd	do	2 –	21″ Sep[t]	110	2 – 11	1 – 12. 0	4 – 3 – 10
45	Jon[a] Prescott	do	2 –	do	110	2 – 11	1 – 12 –	4 – 3 – 10
46	Gilman Clough	Soldier	2 –	21″ Sept	115	2 – 11	1 – 12 –	4 – 4 – 3
47	Benjamin Shaw	do	2 –	do	115	2 – 11	1 – 12 –	4 – 4 – 3
48	Morse Pearsons	do	2 –	do	110	2 – 11	1 – 12 –	4 – 3 – 10
49	Benjamin Griffin	do	2 –	do	110	2 – 11	1 – 12 –	4 – 3 – 10
50	Dominicus Griffin	do	2 –	do	110	2 – 11	1 – 12 –	4 – 3 – 10
51	Joseph Griffin	do	2 –	do	110	2 – 11	1 – 12 –	4 – 3 – 10
52	Benjamin Mason	do	2 –	do	115	2 – 11	1 – 12 –	4 – 4 – 3
53	Stephen Gilman	do	2 –	do	120	2 – 11	1 – 12 –	4 – 4 – 8
					1350		£89 – 17	£199 – 10 – 0

Amount of Roll	289. 7. —
Deduct 3 Officers Blankets	1. 16. —
	£287. 11. —
Back Rations, Charges settling roll &c	6. 14. 0
	£294. 5. —

In the House of Representatives Dec[r] 13, 1776 —

This Roll was sworn to by Capt. Thomas Simpson above named

Attest N. Emery C[lr] D. R.

State of New Hampshire Exeter 12 Decem^{r}. 1776

The within muster and pay Roll of Capt. Thomas Simpsons Company having been Carefully examined is found to be right cast the amount of wages due being one Hundred ninety nine pounds ten Shillings. In behalf of the Committee

J. Hurd.

An order was issued for the amount of the within pay Roll as appears by the Journals of Council

Attest Joseph Pearson D. Sec^{y}.

Copy ex^{d} Gilman

A Muster Roll for the field Artillery Company Commanded by Ebenezer Dearing Esqr 1776.

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

MENS NAMES	Stations	When pay Commenced	When pay Ended	Time of Service	At what per Month	The whole Amt of wages & Blanket Money	Advance Wages and Blanket money	Wages Due
		1776	1776	months	£	£ S D		£ S D
Ebenezer Dearing	Captain	Sep^t ye 2^d	Decem^r 7th	3 & 5 Days	@ 8	25.– 6 – 8		25 – 6 – 8
Samuel Hutchings	Capt Lieut	do 2^d	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 6	19 – 0 – 0		19 – 0 – 0
Thomas Bowler	first Lieut	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 5 – 10	17 – 8 – 4		17.– 8 – 4
Shackford Seaward	Sec^d Lieut	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 5 – 10	17 – 8 – 4		17 – 8 – 4
Nahum Harmon	Sar^t.	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 – 10	8 – 10 – 4	2 – 13 – 0	5.– 17 – 4
John Dennett	Sar^t	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 – 10	8 – 10 – 4	2 – 13 – 0	5 – 17 – 4
John Underwood	Sar^t.	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 – 10	8 – 10 – 4	2 – 13 – 0	5 – 17 – 4
Simeon Harmon	Sar^t	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 – 10	8 – 10 – 4	2 – 13 – 0	5 – 17 – 4
John Barter	Corp^l	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 – 5	7 – 14 – 6	2 – 13 – 0	5 – 1 – 6
George Lowd	Corp^l	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 – 5	7 – 14 – 6	2 – 13 – 0	5 – 1 – 6
John Griffen	Corp^l	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 – 5	7 – 14 – 6	2 – 13 – 0	5 – 1 – 6
Nicholas Bouffard	Corp^l	do 24	do 7	2 & 13 do	@ 2 – 5	6 – 1 – 6	2 – 13 – 0	3 – 8 – 6
William Dearing	Drum^r	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 – 5	7 – 14 – 6	2 – 13 – 0	5 – 1 – 6
Theodore Furnald	Fiffer	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 – 5	7 – 14 – 6	2 – 13 – 0	5 – 1 – 6
Samuel Odiorne	Privat	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 4 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
Elliott Dearing	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
Richard Perry	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
Samuel Yeaton	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
Elihew Weeks	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
Samuel Morrison	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
George Trafethren	do	do 2	Novr ye 18	2 & 16 do	@ 2 1	5 – 15 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	Decerted
William Gale	do	do 2	Dec 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
Thomas Shaw	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
Benj^a March	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
Benj^a Harmon	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
John Reed	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
Benj^a Thompson	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10

[*Capt. Ebenezer Dearing's Company — concluded.*]

MENS NAMES	Stations	When pay Commenced	When pay Ended	Time of Service	At what per Month	The whole Amt of Wages & Blanket Money	Advance Wages and Blanket money	Wages Due
		1776	1776	months	£	£ S D		£ S D
Noah Harman	Privat	Sep[t] ye 2[d]	Dec 7	3 & 5 Days	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
Josiah Brooks	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
Claments Jackson Ju[r]	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
James Green	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
John Leach	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
Robart Brier	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
John Karswell	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
Mark Karswell	do	do 2	Oct ye 17	1 & 15 do	@ 2 1	3 – 13 – 6	2 – 13 – 0	Decerted
Joseph Willson	do	do 2	Dec 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
Joseph Beel	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
Samuel Twead	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
William Steavens Ju[r]	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
James White	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
Pelatiah Barter	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
John Stoodly	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
John Bartlett	do	do 2	Dec[r] 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
John Harman	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
William Lear	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
Thomas Meedes	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
Rundal Furnald	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
Samuel Maston	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
Josua Fenix	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
Nicholas Caverly	do	do 2	do 7	3 & 5 do	@ 2 1	7 – 1 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	4 – 8 – 10
Samuel Hodgdon	do	do 10	do 7	2 & 27 do	@ 2 1	6 – 10 – 10	2 – 13 – 0	3 – 17 – 10
Rich[d] Perry Ju[r]	do	do 16	do 7	2 & 21 do	@ 2 1	6 – 2 – 8	2 – 13 – 0	3 – 9 – 8
John Archable	do	do 19	do 7	2 & 18 do	@ 2 1	5 – 18 – 7	2 – 13 – 0	3 – 5 – 7
David Wooddes	do	do 19	do 7	2 & 18 do	@ 2 1	5 – 18 – 7	2 – 13 – 0	3 – 5 – 7
Benning Sloper	do	do 23	do 7	2 & 14 do	@ 2 1	5 – 13 – 1	2 – 13 – 0	3 – 0 – 1
Larrance Elise	do	do 27	do 7	2 & 10 do	@ 2 1	5 – 7 – 8	2 – 13 – 0	2 – 14 – 8

James March	do	do	27	do	7	2 & 10	Days	@ 2	1	5 – 7 – 8	2 – 13 – 0	2 – 14 – 8
Robart Holmes	do	do	30	do	7	2 & 7	do	@ 2	1	5 – 3 – 6	2 – 13 – 0	2 – 10 – 6
Robart Drowt	do	do	30	do	7	2 & 7	do	@ 2	1	5 – 3 – 6	2 – 13 – 0	2 – 10 – 6
Philip Barker	do	Oct^{r}	5	do	7	2 & 2	do	@ 2	1	4 – 16 – 8	2 – 13 – 0	2 – 3 – 8
Josiah Mitchal	do	Sep^{t} ye	2^{d}	Oct ye	17d	1 & 15	do	@ 2	1	2 – 13 – 6	2 – 13 – 0	Decerted
James Braughton	do	Nov	7	Dec	7	1	0				2 – 13 – 0	
John Bellemy	do	do	19	do	7						2 – 13 – 0	
Saml Weeks	do	do	19	do	7						2 – 13 – 0	
Saml Bellings	do	do	19	do	7						2 – 13 – 0	
Wm Gerrish	do	do	19	do	7						2 – 13 – 0	
Edward Page	do	do	19	do	7						2 – 13 – 0	
William Briar	do	do	19	do	7						2 – 13 – 0	
Daniel Davis	do	do	23	do	7						2 – 13 – 0	

£ 172. 5 — 315 – 9 – 7

Deduction for 3 deserters stoppages 3 – 7 – 10

£ 312 – 1 – 9

Allowance Wages and Blanket money 172 – 5. —

Stoppages 1 – 16 —

£ 486 – 2 – 9

A True Roll

Ebenezer Dearing, Captain

Pay Roll of Captain Josiah Russell's Company of Rangers in the Service of the State of New Hampshire 1776.

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

NAMES AND RANK.		Entry	Time in Service	Rates per Month	Miles Travel at 1d	Advance Wages & Blanket	Wages due
			mo day				
Josiah Russell	Capt	Sept 19	2. 13	6. 0 – 0	.50	3 – 12 – 0	11 – 4 – 2
Daniel Chase	Lieut.	do	2 " 13	4 – 0 – 0	56	2 " 12 " 0	7 " 7 " 4
Josiah Stow	Ensign	do	2 " 13	3 " 10	12	2 " 7 " 0	6 " 4 "
Elias Gates	Sergeant	" 24	2 " 8	2 " 8	50	1 " 12 " 0	4 " 13 " 0
Stephen Cady	do	Octr. 1st	2 " 1	do	56	1 " 12 " 0	4 " 2 " 3
Oliver Hungerford	do	" 12	1 20	do	12	1 " 12 " 0	3 " 1 " 0
Abijah Hall	do	" 1	2 " 1	do	66	1 " 12 " 0	4 " 3 " 1
Littlefield Nash	Corpl	Sep 26	2 " 6	2. 4. 0	50	1 " 12 " 0	4 " 0 " 11
Simeon Corey	do	do	2 " 6	do	50	1 " 12 " 0	4 " 0 " 11
James Weld	do	" 28	2 " 4	do	56	1 " 12 " 0	3 " 18 " 6
Thomas Clark	do	Oct 12	1 " 20	do	12	1 " 12 " 0	2 " 14 " 4
Samuel Fairfield	Drumr	" 2	2 " 0	do	50	1 " 12 " 0	3 " 12 " 2.
William Payne	Private	" 2	2 " 0	2 " 0 " 0	56	1 " 12 " 0	3 " 4 " 8
James Cate		" 1	2 " 1	do	56	1 " 12 " 0	3 " 6 " 0
Benjamin Cummings		" 2	2 " 0	do	56	1 " 12 " 0	3 " 4 " 8
Zebadiah Fitch		2	2 " 0	do	56	1 " 12 " 0	3 " 4 " 8
Samuel Fitch		2.	2 " 0	do	56	1 " 12 " 0	3. 4. 8
David Huggins		2.	2 " 0.	do	56	1 " 12	3 " 4 " 8
John Chase		2.	2. 0	do	56	1 " 12.	3. 4. 8
James Wellman		2.	2. 0	do	56	1 " 12	3 " 4. 8
Josiah Stone		1	2 " 1	do	56	1 " 12	3. 6. 0
Caleb Plastridge		2.	2 " 1	do.	56	1 " 12.	3 " 4 " 8
Thomas West		4	1. 28	do	50	1 " 12	3." 1 " 6
Perly Roberts	Private	Oct. 4	1 " 28	2. £	50	1 " 12 " 0	3 " 1 " 6
Samuel Williams		Sep 24	2 " 8	do	50	1. 12	3 " 14 " 10
Isaac Williams		26	2 " 6	do	50	1 " 12	3 " 12 " 2
Jesse Carpenter		18	2 " 4	do	50	1 " 12	3 " 9 " 6

Asa Gallop		Oct° 6	1 " 26	2. £	50	1 – 12	2 – 18 – 10
Lemuel Smith		8	1 " 24	do	50	1 " 12	2. 16 " 2
Josiah Russell Junr		Sept 24	2 " 8	do	50	1 " 12	3 " 14. 10
Simeon Short		" 24	2 " 8	do	50	1 " 12	3 14 " 10
Ebenezer Jenney		28	2 " 4	do.	56	1 " 12	3 " 10.
Moses Pike		Oct. 12	1 " 20	do	6	1 " 12	2 7 " 2
John Bedel		" 12	1 " 20	do.	6	1 " 12	2. 7. 2
Aaron Bayley		" 13	1 " 19	do	12	1 " 12	2 " 6 " 4
Moors Russell		12	1 " 20	do	0	1 " 12	2 " 6 " 8
David Hopkinson		12	1 " 20	do	0	1 " 12	2 " 6 " 8
Ezekel Wheeler		12	1 " 20	2. £	0	1 " 12	2 " 6 " 8
Peter Gilman		12	1 " 20.	do	12	1 " 12	2. 7 " 8
Glazier Wheeler		14	1 " 18	do	0	1 " 12.	2 " 4 " 0
Silas Wheeler		14.	1 " 18	do	0	1 " 12	2 " 4
Robert Dunlap		Sept. 26	2 " 6	do	66	1 " 12	3 " 13. 6
James Hall		26	2 " 6	do	66	1 " 12	3 " 13. 6
Thomas Stafford		26	2 " 6	do	66.	1 " 12	3. 13. 6
Edward Hall		28	2 " 4	do	66	1 " 12	3. 10 " 10
Joseph Vincent		28.	2 " 4	do	56.	1. 12.	3. 10
Jacob Colburn		Oct. 2	2.	do	45.	1 " 12	3 " 3 " 9
Asa Colburn		2.	2	do	45	1 " 12	3. 3. 9
Stephen Manning		2.	2.	do	45.	1 " 12.	3. 3. 9
John Cooper		1	2. 1	do	66	0. 12.	4 " 6 " 10
James Thompson		1	2. 1	do	66	1 " 12,	3. 6. 10
Eleazer Aspinwall	private	Oct 12	1 " 20.	2	45	0. 12. 0	3. 10. 5
Thomas Minor		12.	1 " 20	2. 0. 0	0	0 " 12 " 0	3. 6. 8
Charles Wheeler		12.	1 " 20	2. —	45	1. 12. 0	3. 10 " 5
54 Ix^d					22.99	87. 3. 0	£191. 15. 7
51 men ex^d							9 " 11 " 7
The Amount of the whole travel home				£9. 11. 7.			£201. 7. 2.

This is a true Roll

Josiah Russell Capt

Exeter January 28th 1777

The Committee on Claims have examined this pay Roll and find it right cast The balance amounts to two hundred and one pounds seven shillings and two pence

Josiah Gilman Junr in behalf of Comtee

Recieved an order on the Treasury for the balance of this Roll amounting to Two hundred and one pounds seven shillings and two pence

Josiah Russell

January 28th 1777

Then Josiah Russell made solemn oath to the truth and justice of this Roll to the best of his knowledge

before E. Thompson Jus. Peace

[Captain Russell was a resident of Plainfield. He was appointed captain of the second company of rangers September 14, 1776.—Ed.]

Musteroll of Capt Samuel Atkinson's Comp'y stationed at Coos in Haverhill under the direction of the Committee appointed for said purpose Decem^r 1, 1776 —

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

NAMES.	Rank	Miles Travel	Amt Travel a 1d pr Mile	Time of Entry.	Rate pr Month	Time in Service Mo.	Days	Whole Amt Wages & Travel
Samuel Atkinson.	Captn	72	— 6 —	Sepr 1	6 — —	3 —	0	18. 6 —
Jon^a. Robbins.	Lieu^t	130	— 10. 10	10	4 — —	2.	21	11. 4. 2
Peter Durstin.	Ens^g	120	— 10 —	10	3. 10 —	2.	21	9. 19 —
Jer^h Hiddin.	Serg^t	72	— 6 —	1	2. 8 —	3·	"	7. 10 —
Moses Clough.	d^o	65	— 5. 5	1	2. 8 —	3.	"	7. 9. 5
Thom^s Brown.	d^o	130	— 10. 10	10	2. 8 —	2.	21	6. 18. 10
Simeon Gold.	d^o	130	— 10. 10	5	2. 8 —	2.	26	7. 8. 5
James Ladd.	Corp^l	—	———	10	2. 4 —	2.	21	5· 17. 2
Reuben Abbot.	d^o	80	— 6. 8	1	2. 4. —	3.	—	6. 18. 8
Wm Danford.	d^o	72	— 6 —	1	2. 4 —	3·	—	6. 18. —
Francis Smith.	d^o	140	— 11. 8	1	2. 4 —	3·	—	7. 3. 8
Joshua Fletcher.	Fifer	40	— 3. 4	1	2. 4. —	3·	—	6. 15. 4
John Abbot.	Private	80	— 6. 8	1	2 ———	3	—	6. 6. 8
Ezra Badger.	d^o	165	— 13. 9	1	2 ———	3	—	6. 13. 9
James Bayley.	d^o	—	———	10	2 ———	3.	21	5. 8. —
Saml Bell.	d^o	28	— 2. 4	1	2 ———	3	—	6. 2. 4
John Ash.	d^o	65	— 5. 5	4	2 ———	2	—	6. 1. 5
And^w Carter.	d^o	—	———	10	2 — —	2.	21	5. 8 —
Jos. Clark.	d^o	—	———	1	2 — —	3	—	6 ———
Edwd Clark.	d^o	—	———	1	2 — —	3.	—	6 — —
Edm^d Chadwick.	d^o	72	— 6 —	1	2 — —	3.	—	6. 6. —
Simeon Connor.	d^o	65	— 5. 5	1	2 — —	3	—	6. 5. 5
John Cross.	d^o	68	— 5. 8	10	2 — —	2.	21	5. 13. 8
Robert Canada.	d^o	—	———	8	2 ———	2.	23	5. 10. 8
W^m McClary	d^o	130	— 10. 10	1	2 ———	3.		6. 10. 10
Danl McClary.	d^o	130	— 10. 10	4	2 ———	2.	27	6. 6. 10

[*Capt. Samuel Atkinson's Company — concluded.*]

NAMES	Rank	Miles Travel	Amt Travel a 1d pr Mile	Time of Entry.	Rate pr Month	Time in Service Mo.	Time in Service Days	Whole Amt Wages & Travel
Jedediah Danford.	Private	72	— 6. 0	Sepr 1	2 ———	3.		6. 6. —
Wm Eastman.	d°	72	— 6. —	1	2 ———	3	—	6. 6. —
Jon^{a} Elkins.	d°	—	———	1	2 ———	3.	—	6. ———
Saml Fellows.	d°	—	———	8	2 ———	2.	23	5. 10. 8
Josiah Fletcher.	d°	130	— 10. 10	1	2 ———	3.	—	6. 10. 10
Saml Heath.	d°	—	———	1	2 ———	3	—	6. ———
Saml Hinkson.	d°	80	— 6. 8	10	2 ———	2.	21	5. 14. 8
Noah Holliday.	d°	20	— 1. 8	10	2 ———	2.	21	5. 9. 8
Wm Hogskins.	d°	130	— 10. 10	10	2 ———	2.	21	5. 18. 10
Wm Jackson.	d°	72	— 6. 0	1	2 ———	3.	—	6. 6. —
Joseph Johnson	d°	—	———	10	2 ———	2.	21	5. 8. —
John Kincard	d°	120	— 10 —	10	2 ———	2.	21	5. 18. —
Henry Knowlton	d°	130	— 10. 10	3.	2 ———	2.	28	6. 8. 2
Jona^{a} Ladd	d°	—	———	10	2 ———	2.	21	5. 8. —
Moses Morse.	d°	72	— 6. 0	18	2. ———	2.	13	5. 2 —
Abner Preston	d°	130	— 10. 10	1	2. ———	3.	—	6. 10. 10
Asa Rowel.	d°	120	— 10. 0	20	2 ———	2.	11	5. 4. 8
Joseph Sawyer.	d°	—	———	20	2 ———	2.	11	4. 14. 8
Isaac Stevens.	d°	—	———	10	2 ———	2.	21	5. 8. —
Daniel Stevens.	d°	—	———	10	2 ———	2.	22	5. 8 —
Henry Spaldin.	d°	130	— 10. 10	1	2.	3	—	6. 10. 10
Urias Stone	d°	—	———	29	2.	2.	2	4. 2. 8
Jonas Wheeler.	d°	130	— 10. 10	10	2.	2.	21	5. 18. 10
Jesse Walker.	d°	130	— 10. 10	4	2 ———	2.	27	6. 6. 10
			£14 2. 8					£325. 14. 5
					Acct.			6. 19. —
					Bounties			70. 10. —
								£403. 3. 5

Haverhill Octr. 5, 1776. These may certify that agreable to orders received from the general Assembly of this State I have mustered the Company under command of Capt Saml Atkinson as by the Roll on the other side being good and effective men.

℘ Charles Johnston

Exeter Decem^{r} 10 1776. the within Muster Roll has been duly examined and found right cast, amounting to £325. 14. 5. —

J. Hurd for the Committee of Acc^{ts}. —

In the House of Representatives Decem^{r} 10, 1776 the within Roll was sworn to by Capt Samuel Atkinson

Attest N. Emery C^{l} D R

A Warrant was issued for the amount of the within pay Roll as appears by the Journals —

Attest Joseph Pearson D Sec^{y}.

47 Mens Bounty @ 30/	£70. 10. 0
paid Capt Atkinson Sepr 10, 1776 by order on the Treasurer	70. 10. —

[Captain Atkinson was a resident of Boscawen. — Ed.]

Muster and Pay Roll of Officers and men belonging to Colonel Samuel Ashley's Regiment of Militia in the State of New Hampshire who marched from the County of Cheshire at the Requisition of Major Genl. Gates to reinforce the Army of Ticonderoga

Engaged Oct. 21st returned Nov. 16th 1776.—

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

No.	NAMES	Rank	Rate p Month	Time in service	Amount Wages	Miles Travel	Amt. Travel	Rations	Whole Amount
			£						
1	Samuel Ashley	Colonel	15. 0. 0	26 days	13. 0. 0	—	———	4. 10. 0	17. 10. 0
2	Joseph Burt	Capt.	8. 0. 0	26 days	6. 18. 8	—	———	2.	8. 18. 8
3	Amos Pierce	Lieut.	5. 8. 0	do	4. 13. 7	—	———	1. 3. 9	5. 17. 4
4	Ebenezer Britton	Ensign	4. 0. 0	do	3. 9. 4	—	———	1. 3. 9	4. 13. 1
5	John Cole	Adjut.	5. 10. 0	do	4. 15. 4	—	———	1. 3. 9	5. 19. 1
6	Leonard Keys	Qumast.	5. 10.	do	4. 15. 4	—	———	1. 3. 9	5. 19. 1
7	William Hutchins	Seargent	2. 8. —	do	2. 1. 6	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 18. 2
8	Seth Britton	do	do	do	2. 1. 6	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 18. 2
9	Israel Amesbury	do	do	do	2. 1. 6	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 18. 2
10	Ephraim Sawyer	Corporal	2. 4. 0	do	1. 18. 1	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 14. 9
11	Jonathan Cole	do	do	do	1. 18. 1	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 14. 9
12	David Welbourne	Private	2. 0. 0	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
13	David Pierce	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
14	James Butterfield	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
15	Daniel Keys	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
16	Luther Baley	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
17	Ephraim Witherell	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
18	Jonathan Willis	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
19	Gideon Packard	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
20	Benjamin Aldrich	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
21	Stephen Dutton	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
22	Job. Britton	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
23	Daniel Snow	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
24	Moses Bennett	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4

25	Israel Goodenow	do	do	do	1.	14.	8	220	1.	16.	8	–	–	–	3.	11.	4
27	Josiah Hackett	do	do	do	1.	14.	8	220	1.	16.	8	–	–	–	3.	11.	4
26	Caleb. How	do	do	do	1.	14.	8	220	1.	16.	8	–	–	–	3.	11.	4
28	Willis Johnson	do	do	do	1.	14.	8	220	1.	16.	8	–	–	–	3.	11.	4
29	Daniel Pierce	do	do	do	1.	14.	8	220	1.	16.	8	–	–	–	3.	11.	4
30	John Robbins	do	do	do	1.	14.	8	220	1.	16.	8	–	–	–	3.	11.	4
31	Jeremiah Tinkham	do	do	do	1.	14.	8	220	1.	16.	8	–	–	–	3.	11.	4
32	Samuel Works	do	do	do	1.	14.	8	220	1.	16.	8	–	–	–	3.	11.	4
33	Job. Warner	do	do	do	1.	14.	8	220	1.	16.	8	–	–	–	3.	11.	4
34	Jonas Butterfield	do	do	do	1.	14.	8	220	1.	16.	8	–	–	–	3.	11.	4
35	David Robbins	do	do	do	1.	14.	8	220	1.	16.	8	–	–	–	3.	11.	4
36	Jonas. Robbins	do	do	do	1.	14.	8	220	1.	16.	8	–	–	–	3.	11.	4
37	Abiel Eddy	do	do	do	1.	14.	8	220	1.	16.	8	–	–	–	3.	11.	4
38	William Brockaway	do	do	do	1.	14.	8	220	1.	16.	8	–	–	–	3.	11.	4
															162.	4.	7
1	Isaac Davis	Captain	8. 0. 0.	26 days	6.	18.	8	—	–	–	–	2.	–	–	8.	18.	8
2	Stephen Griswold	Lieut	5. 8. 0.	do	4.	13.	7	—	–	–	–	1	3.	9	5.	17.	4
3	Ebenezer Kelbourn	Ensign	4 – –	do	3.	9.	4	210	1.	15.	0	–	–	–	4.	13.	1
4	Ephraim Hubbard	Sergeant	2. 8. 0	do	2.	1.	6	210	1.	15.	0	–	–	–	3.	16.	6
5	Ichabod Young	do	do	do	2.	1.	6	210	1.	15.	0	–	–	–	3.	16.	6
6	Jonas Davis	Corporal	2. 4. 0	do	1.	18.	1	210	1.	15.	0	–	–	–	3.	13.	1
7	Ebenezer Bill	do	2. 4. –	do	1.	18.	1	210	1.	15.	0	–	–	–	3.	13.	1
8	John Merrill	Fifer	2. 4. –	do	1.	18.	1	210	1.	15.	0	–	–	–	3.	13.	1
9	Josiah Lamb	Private	2. 0. 0	do	1.	14.	8	210	1.	15.	0	–	–	–	3.	9.	8
10	Patrick McMitchell	do	do	do	1.	14.	8	210	1.	15.	0	–	–	–	3.	9.	8
11	Thomas Farr	do	do	do	1.	14.	8	210	1.	15.	0	–	–	–	3.	9.	8
12	Daniel Cobleigh	do	do	do	1.	14.	8	210	1.	15.	0	–	–	–	3.	9.	8
13	Ezek[l]. Coburn	do	do	do	1.	14.	8	210	1.	15.	0	–	–	–	3.	9.	8
14	Aaron Farr	do	do	do	1.	14.	8	210	1.	15.	0	–	–	–	3.	9.	8
15	Jonathan Davis	do	do	do	1.	14.	8	210	1.	15.	0	–	–	–	3.	9.	8
16	Ithamar Whitney	do	do	do	1.	14.	8	210	1.	15.	0	–	–	–	3.	9.	8
17	Nathan Metcalf	do	do	do	1.	14.	8	210	1.	15.	0	–	–	–	3.	9.	8
18	Reuben Graves	do	do	do	1.	14.	8	210	1.	15.	0	–	–	–	3.	9.	8
19	Samuel Farr	do	do	do	1.	14.	8	210	1.	15.	0	–	–	–	3.	9.	8

[*Colonel Samuel Ashley's Regiment — continued.*]

No.	NAMES	Rank.	Rate p Month	Time in service	Amount Wages	Miles Travel	Amt. Travel	Rations	Whole Amount
			£						
20	Stephen Bond	Private	2. 0. 0	26 days	1. 14. 8	210	1. 15. 0	– – –	3. 9. 8
21	Timothy Demmick	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 15. 0	– – –	3. 9. 8
22	John Rowe Jun[r]	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	210	1. 15. 0	– – –	3. 9. 8
23	Ebenezer Church	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	210	1. 15. 0	– – –	3. 9. 8
24	Obadiah Wilcocks	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	210	1. 15. 0	– – –	3. 9. 8
25	Levi Bliss	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	210	1. 15. 0	– – –	3. 9. 8
26	Elisha Pendall	do	do	do	1. 15. 8	210	1. 15. 0	– – –	3. 9. 8
27	Shubal Hurd	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	210	1. 15. 0	– – –	3. 9. 8
28	Obadiah Smith	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	210	1. 15. 0	– – –	3. 9. 8
29	Thomas Morse	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	210.	1. 15. 0	– – –	3. 9. 8
30	John White	Surgeon	7. 10. —	do	6. 10. 0	—	– – –	2. 0. 0	8. 10. 0
									119. 14. 4
1.	Reuben Alexander	Captain	8. 0. 0	26 days	6. 18. 8	—	– – –	2. – –	8. 18. 8
2	Thomas Harvey	Lieut	5. 8. –	do	4. 13. 7	—	– – –	1. 3. 9	5. 17. 4
3	Rufus Whipple	Ensign	4. – –	do	3. 9. 4.	—	– – –	1. 3. 9.	4. 13. 1
4	Jonathan Carpenter	Sergeant	2. 8. –	do	2. 1. 6.	240	2. – –	– – –	4. 1. 6
5	Eldad Evans	do	do	do	2. 1. 6.	240	2. – –	– – –	4. 1. 6
6	Reuben Parker	Corporal	2. 4. –	do	1. 18. 1	240	2. – –	– – –	3. 18. 1
7	Abiel Hammond	do	do	do	1. 18. 1	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 18. 1
3	Roger Darte	Drum[r]	do	do	1. 18. 1	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 18. 1
9	Isaac Hutchins	Private	do	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 14. 8
10	Samuel Scott	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 14. 8
11	John Hatch	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 14. 8
12	Stephen Franklin	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 14. 8
13	Josiah Stephens	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 14. 8
14	Ichabod Franklin	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 14. 8
15	John Curtis	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 14. 8
16	Elisha Smith	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 14. 8

17	Seth Britt	do	2. 4. –	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 14. 8
18	Asa Hutchins	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 14. 8
19	Elijah Houghton	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 14. 8
20	Ebenezer Cole	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 0. 0	– – –	3. 14. 8
21	Francis Norwood	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 14. 8
22	Luke Cass	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 14. 8
23	John Ellis	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 14. 8
24	Nehemiah Thayer	do	do	do	1. 11. 8	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 14. 8
25	Isaac Benson	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 14. 8
26	Solomon Aldrich	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 14. 8
27	Samuel Smith	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 14. 8
28	Nathaniel Darte	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 14. 8
29	Joshua Fuller	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 14. 8
30	Joab. Gleason	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 14. 8
31	Thomas Rockwood	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 14. 8
32	Elisha Belding	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 14. 8
33	Luther Winslow	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 – –	– – –	3. 14. 8
34	Daniel Shadduck	Captain	8. – –	do	6. 18. 8	—	– – –	2 – –	8. 18. 8
35	Oliver Caprin	Captn	8 – –	do	6. 18. 8	—	– – –	2. – –	8. 18. 8
36	Alexander McDowell	Private	2 – –	do	1. 14. 8	240	2 0. 0	– – –	3. 14. 8
37	M^{os} Dick^{n} Field	Lieut	5. 8. 0	do	4. 13. 7	—	– – –	1. 3. 9	5. 17. 4
38	Benjamin Wilson	Private	2. – –	do	1. 14. 8	240	2. – –	– – –	3. 14. 8
39	Aaron Cooper	Lieut	5. 8. –	do	4. 13. 7	—	– – –	1. 3. 9.	5. 17. 4
40	Hiram Chapin	Ensign	4. – –	do	3. 9. 4	—	– – –	1. 3. 9.	4. 13. 1
									169. 3. 8
1	Joseph Whitcomb	Capt.	8. – –	26 days	6. 18. 8	—	– – –	2. 0. 0	8. 18. 8
2	Michael Metcalf	Lieut	5. 8. –	do	4. 13. 9	—	– – –	1. 3. 9.	5. 17. 4
3	Timothy Bishop	Ensign	4. – –	do	3. 9. 4	—	– – –	1. 3. 9.	4. 13. 1
4	William Grimes	Sergeant	2. 8. –	do	2. 1. 6	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 18. 2
5	Tim^{o} Ellis	do	do	do	2. 1. 6	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 18. 2
6	Elkanah Lane	do	do	do	2. 1. 6	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 18. 2
7	David Wilson	Corporal	2. 4. 0	16 days	1. 3. 5	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 0. 1
8	Abner Graves	do	2. 4. 0	26 days	1. 18. 1	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 14. 9
9	John Whitcomb	Private	2. – –	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4

[*Colonel Samuel Ashley's Regiment — concluded.*]

No.	NAMES	Rank	Rate p Month	Time in service	Amount Wages	Miles Travel	Amt. Travel	Rations	Whole Amount
10	Thomas Cruson	Private	2. – –	16 days	1. 1. 4	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	2. 18. –
11	Jonathan Woodcock	do	do	26 days	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
12	Daniel Bishop	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
13	Nathan Cruson	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
14	Levi Durant	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	2. 11. 4
15	Elijah Graves	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
16	Joseph Starkey	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
17	Nathaniel Dickenson	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
18	Joshua Graves	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
19	Rogers Thompson	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
20	John Follet	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
21	Cephas Clark	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
22	John Balch	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
23	Jacob Towns	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
24	Aaron Gray	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
25	Michael Sprout	do	do	16 days	1. 1. 4	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	2. 18. 0
26	Silas French	do	do	26 days	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
27	Thomas Fields	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
28	Adam Holbrook	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
29	Reuben Partridge	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
30	Robert Spencer	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
31	Jonathan Wheeler	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
32	Abraham Wheeler	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
33	Samuel Lane	do	do	do	1. 14. 8	220	1. 16. 8	– – –	3. 11. 4
									[Roll torn.]

State of New Hampshire, April 2nd 1777 then Samuel Ashley above named [made oath to the truth and] Justice of the foregoing roll to the best of his Knowledge be [Balance of Roll destroyed.]

Expenses paid for Raising the Men & Horses to Carry the Baggage &c

3 days of Colo. Joseph Hammond raising the Regiment @ 6/ pr Day					0.	18.	0
his horse 37 Miles .9. 3. Expences .12.					1.	1.	3
					1.	19.	3
5 Horses to each Company is 20 Horses 14 Days each @ 3/ pr Day					42.	0.	0
for drawing this Roll						18.	0
for Ferriage back & forward 141 Men @ 4d					2.	7.	0
Ditto 20 Horses						6.	8
Amount of this Roll					576.	17.	8
				£	624.	8.	7

This is a true Roll and Account Samuel Ashley

Exeter April 1st 1777 — The Committee on Claims have examined this Roll and Account amounting to Six Hundred Twenty four Pounds eight shillings & seven pence we find right cast

Josiah Gilman Junr

[Colonel Ashley was a resident of Winchester, subsequently of Claremont. Colonel Hammond was of Swanzey. The men were from Cheshire county. — Ed.]

Muster and Pay Roll of the Officers and Men [Roll torn.] *Enoch Hales Regiment of Militia in the State of New Hampshire who march'd from the Counties of Cheshire & Hillsborough at the requisition of Maj^r General Gates to reinforce the Army at Ticonderoga Engaged October 22nd. Return'd November 16th 1776. —*

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

NAMES	Towns	Rank	Time in Service	Rate p month	Amount Wages	Travel 2d p Mile	Rations	whole amount
			No Days				days	
Thomas Heald	New Ipswich	Lt Colo^l	26	£ 12. 0. 0	10. 8. 0		26. 4. 1. 3	14. 9. 3
Solomon Cutler	Rindge	Capt	26	8. – –	6. 18. 8		2. 8. 9	9. 7. 5
Gershom Drury	Tempel	do	26	8.	6. 18. 8		2. 8. 9	9. 7. 5
Isaac Howe	New Ipswich	Adjutant	26	5. 10. –	4. 15. 4		1. 12. 6	6. 7. 10
Jacob Gould	Ringe	Lieu^t	26	5. 8. –	4. 13. 7		1. 12. 6	6. 6. 1
Benjamin Cragin	Temple	do	26	5. 8. –	4. 13. 7		1. 12. 6	6. 6. 1
William Strate	New Ipswich	Serj^t	26	2. 8.	2. 1. 7	140. 1. 3. 4		3. 4. 11
John Brooks	do	do	26	2. 8. –	2. 1. 7	1. 3. 4		3. 4. 11
Benjamin Williams	do	do	26	2. 8.	2. 1. 7	1. 3. 4		3. 4. 11
Benjamin Pierce	Rindge	do	26	2. 8. –	2. 1. 7	130 1. 1 8		3. 3. 3
Ebenez^r Davis	do	do	18	2. 8.	1. 8. 10	1. 1. 8		2. 10. 6
Francis Cragen	Temple	do	26	2. 8.	2. 1. 7	140. 1. 3. 4		3. 4. 11
Ephraim Brown	do	do	26	2. 8. –	2. 1. 7	1. 3. 4		3. 4. 11
Eldad Spafford	do	do	26	2. 8. –	2. 1. 7	1. 3. 4		3. 4. 11
John Dean	Rindge	Corporal	18	2. 4. –	1. 6. 4	130. 1. 1. 8		2. 8. –
Josiah Brown	New Ipswich	Private	26	2.	1. 14. 8	140. 1. 3. 4		2. 18. –
Peter Fletcher	do	do	11	2	14. 8	1. 3. 4		1. 18. –
Francis Fletcher	do	do	26	2	1. 14. 8	1. 3. 4		2. 18. –
Edmund Town	do	do	26	2	1. 14. 8	1. 3. 4		2. 18. –
Stephen Parker	do	do	26	2.	1. 14. 8	1. 3. 4		2. 18. –
Thomas Farnsworth	do	do	26	2.	1. 14. 8	1. 3. 4		2. 18. –
Timothy Wheellock	do	do	26	2.	1. 14. 8	1. 3. 4		2. 18. –
Joseph Wright	do	do	26	2	1. 14. 8	1. 3. 4		2. 18. –
Joel Wheellock	do	do	26	2. –	1. 14. 8	1. 3. 4		2. 18. –
Timothy Stearnes	do	do	26	2	1. 14. 8	1. 3. 4		2. 18. –

Henry Fletcher	do	do	18	2		1.	4.	–		1.	3.	4		2. 7. 4
Daniel Adams	do	do	26	2		1.	14.	8		1.	3.	4		2. 18. –
Nathaniel Pratt	do	do	26	2		1.	14.	8		1.	3.	4		2. 18. –
James Cutler	Rindge	do	26	2		1.	14.	8	130.	1.	1.	8		2. 16. 4
William Carlton	do	do	26	2		1.	14.	8		1.	1.	8		2. 16. 4
Elisha Perkins	do	do	26	2		1.	14.	8		1.	1.	8		2. 16. 4
Levi Mansfield	do	do	18	2		1.	4	–		1.	1.	8		2. 5. 8
Henry Lake	do	do	18	2		1.	4			1.	1.	8		2. 5. 8
Abijah Haskel	do	do	18	2		1.	4.			1.	1.	8		2. 5. 8
Deliverance Wilson	do	do	26	2		1.	14.	8		1.	1.	8		2. 16. 4
Benjamin Tenney	Temple	do	26	2		1.	14.	8	140.	1.	3.	4		2. 18 –
Stephen Paling	do	do	26	2		1.	14.	8		1.	3.	4		2. 18. –
Zechariah Emery	do	do	26	2		1.	14.	8		1.	3.	4		2. 18. –
John Todd	do	do	18	2		1.	4.	–		1.	3.	4		2. 7. 4
					£	93.	12.	9		37.	13.	4	13. 16. 3	145. 2. 4

Expence for Men and Horses to Carry Baggage for said Regiment.

					£		
Isaac Clark	himself and Horse.	5	Days	@ 7/	1	15	0
Samuel Whittemore	do	5		7/	1	15	–
Timothy Farrars	Horse	3		4/		12	–
William Stuart	do	5		4/	1	–	–
Paul Pritchard	do	3		4/		12	–
Peter Fletcher	do	5		4/	1	–	–
Joseph Wright	do	3		4/		12	–
Josiah Brown	do	5		4/	1	–	–
John Brooks	do	8		4/	1	12	–
Daniel Lake 8 Days @ 3/	Horse	8	Do	@ 4/	2	16	–
Solomon Cutler	do	8		4/	1	12	–
Jacob Gould	do	5		4/	1	–	–
Abel Stone 3 Days @ 3.	Horse	3	do	4/	1	1	–
Oliver Heald		3	do	4/		12	–
Ephraim Adams		3				12	–
Amos Emery 3 Days @ 3/	Horse	3		'4	1	1	–
John Cragen 3 Days @ 3/ } 4 Horses 3 Days each @ 4/ }					2	17	–
Joshua Todd	Horse	3	do	4/		12	–
				£	22	1	0
	Amount of Wages &c				145	2	4
				£	167	3	4

This is a True Roll Thomas Heald Lieu[t] Col[o].

Exeter March 28th 1777. This Roll amounting to One Hundred & Sixty seven pounds three shillings and four pence is right Cast.

Examin'd by the Committee on Claims

Joseph Gilman

In the House of Representatives
March 29th 1777 } Lieu[t] Col[o] Thomas Heald made Oath to the Truth and Justice of the above Roll

Attest: N. Emery C[l] D. R.

[Colonel Enoch Hale resided in Rindge. — Ed.]

Muster and Pay Roll of Officers and Men belonging to Col° Benjamin Bellows, Junr Regiment of Militia in the State of New Hampshire who marched from the County of Cheshire at the Requisition of Maj. Genl Gates to reinforce the Army at Ticondaroga October, 1776.

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

NAMES	Rank	Rate p Month	Time in Service	Amount of Wages	Miles Travel	Rations	Whole Amount
Benjamin Bellows Junr	Colo.	15. 0. 0	25 days	12. 10. 0	144	4. 6. 3	16. 16. 3
Samuel Hunt	Lieut Col°	12. 0. 0	24. days	9. 12 –	120	3. 6. 3	12. 18. 3
John Bellows	Major	10 – –	25 – –	8. 6. 8	—	2. 18. 9	11. 5. 5
Abel Walker	Capt.	8 – –	24 – –	6. 8. –	—	1. 16. 3	8. 4. 3
Christopher Webber	do	do	25	6. 13. 4	—	1. 18. 1	8. 11. 5
Oliver Ashley	do	do	25	6. 13. 4	—	1. 18. 1	8. 11. 5
Samuel Canfield	do	do	26.	6. 18. 8		2 – –	8. 18. 8
William Kize	do	do	25	6. 13. 4		1. 18. 1	8. 11. 5
Nathaniel Huntoon	do	do	25	6. 13. 4		1. 18. 1	8. 11. 5
John Jenison	Lieut.	5. 8. 0	25	4. 10. –		1. 2. 6	5. 12. 6
Levi Hooper	do	do	25	4. 10		1. 2. 6	5. 12. 6
Edward Waldo	do	do	26.	4. 13. 7		1. 3. 9	5. 17. 4
Jesse Wilcox	do	do	26	4. 13. 7		1. 3. 9	5. 17. 4
Amos Chase	do	do	25	4. 10. –		1. 2. 6	5. 12. 6
Silas Bingham	do	do	26	4. 13. 7		1. 3. 9	5. 7. 4
Jonathan Silsby	Ensign	4. 0. 0	25	3. 6. 8		1. 2. 6	4. 9. 2
Samuel Ashley	Adjutant	5. 10. –	25	4. 11. 8	—	1. 2. 6	5. 14. 2
John Spencer	Qt Master	5. 10. –	25	4. 11. 8	—	1. 2. 6	5. 14. 2
Thomas Stearns	Sergeon	7. 10. –	25	6. 5. –	—	1. 18. 1	8. 3. 1
						Amt. of travel	
Jonathan Hartwell	Serjeant	2. 8. –	25	2. – –	146	1. 4. 4	3. 4. 4
Philip Easman	do	do	25	2. – –	148	1. 4. 8	3. 4. 8
Jonathan Burt	do	do	25	2. – –	154	1. 5. 8	3. 5. 8
Nathaniel Fay	do	do	26	2. 1. 7	166	1. 7. 8	3. 9. 3
Simon Brooks	do	do	26	2. 1. 7	166	1. 7. 8	3. 9. 3

[*Colonel Benjamin Bellows's Regiment — concluded.*]

NAMES	Rank	Rate p month	Time in Service	Amount of Wages	Miles Travel	Amt. of Travel	Whole Amount
Barnabas Elliss	Serjeant	2. 8. –	25 days	2 – –	144	1. 4 –	3. 4. –
Jesse Ives	do	do	25	2 – –	144	1. 4	3. 4. –
Jedediah Reynolds	do	do	26	2. 1. 7	160	1. 6. 8	3. 8. 3.
Absalom Kelsey	do	do	26	2. 1. 7	160	1. 6. 8	3. 8. 3
Solomon Gee	do	do	26	2. 1. 7	168	1. 8. –	3. 9. 7
Phineas Abel	do	do	26	2. 1. 7	144	1. 4. –	3. 5. 7
William Clark	do	do	25.	2. –. –	140	1. 3. 4	3. 3. 4
John Spafford	Corporal	2. 4. 0	24	1 –15 –2	120	1 – –	2. 15. 2
Seth Putnam	do	do	24	1. 15. 2	120	1 – –	2. 15. 2
Phinehas Wright	do	do	25	1. 16. 8	156	1 – 6 –	3. 2. 8
Roger Walcott	do	do	25	1. 16. 8	148	1 – 4. 8	3. 1. 4
William Storry	do	do	25	1. 16. 8	144	1. 4 –	3. 0. 8
James Alden	do	do	25	1. 16. 8	144	1. 4 –	3. 0. 8
James Ottis	do	do	26.	1. 18. 2	168	1. 8 –	3. 6. 2
Eleazer Haywood	Private	2. 0 –0	24	1. 12 –	120	1. – –	2. 12. –
William Layton	do	do	24	1– 12 –	120	1 – 0 – 0	2. 12. –
John Sartwell	do	do	24	1– 12 –	126	1 – 1 –	2 13 –
John Simonds	do	do	24	1– 12 –	120	1 – –	2. 12. –
Isaac Walker	do	do	24	1– 12 –	124	1 – 0 – 8	2. 12. 8
Simeon Powers	do	do	24	1. 12 –	120	1 – –	3. 12. –
Peter Bellows	do	do	24	1– 12. –	130	1. 1. 8	2. 13. 8.
Benjamin Hudson	do	do	25.	1. 13. 4	147	1. 4. 6	2. 17. 10
Nathaniel Baker	do	do	25.	1. 13. 4	142	1. 3. 8	2. 17. –
Joel Smith	do	do	25.	1. 13. 4	146	1. 4. 4	2. 17. 8
James Easman	do	do	25.	1. 13. 4	148	1. 4. 8	2. 18. –
Elias Stearns	do	do	25.	1. 13. 4	147	1. 4. 6	2. 17. 10
Barnabas Willey	do	do	25.	1. 13. 4	156	1. 6. –	2. 19. 4
John Mirriam	do	do	25.	1. 13. 4	156	1. 6. –	2. 19. 4
John Still	do	do	25.	1. 13. 4	150	1. 5. –	2. 18. 4
John Denison	do	do	25	1. 13. 4	146	1. 4. 4	2. 17. 8

John Marcy	do	do	25	1. 13. 4	146	1. 4. 4.	2. 17. 8
Abraham Hall	do	do	25	1. 13. 4	148	1. 4. 8	2. 18. –
Nathaniel Messer	do	do	25	1. 13. 4	150	1. 5. –	2. 18. 4
Reverious Hooker	do	do	25	1. 13. 4	149	1. 4. 10	2. 17. 2
Elind Graves	do	do	25	1. 13. 4	147	1. 4. 6	2. 17. 10
Rowland Hall	do	do	25.	1. 13. 4	147	1. 4. 6	2. 17. 10
Matthew Paul	do	do	25	1. 13. 4	149	1. 4. 10	2. 18. 2
Benjamin Bartlet	do	do	25	1. 13. 4	148	1. 4. 8	2. 18. –
William Hartwell	do	do	25	1. 13. 4	144	1. 4. –	2. 17. 4
Samuel Wire	do	do	25	1. 13. 4	149	1. 4. 10	2. 18. 2
Joseph Mack.	do	do	26	1. 14. 8	157	1. 6. 1	3 – 10
Nathaniel Shepherd	do	do	26	1. 14. 8	160	1. 6. 8	3. 1. 4
Samuel Kidder	do	do	26	1. 14. 8	166	1. 7. 8	3. 2. 4
Abraham Brown	do	do	26	1. 14. 8	166	1. 7. 8	3. 2. 4
Joseph Brown	do	do	26	1. 14. 8	166	1. 7. 8	3. 2. 4
Stephen Higby	do	do	25	1. 13. 4	144	1. 4. –	2. 17. 4
Edward Goodwin	do	do	25.	1. 13. 4	144	1. 4. –	2. 17. 4
Beriah Murray	do	do	25	1. 13. 4	144	1. 4 –	2. 17. 4
William Osgood	do	do	25	1. 13. 4	144	1 – 4 –	2. 17. 4
Roswell Stevens	do	do	25	1. 13. 4	144	1. 4 –	2. 17. 4
Ebenezer Washborn	do	do	25	1. 13. 4	144	1. 4 –	2. 17. 4
Ebner Meggs	do	do	25	1. 13. 4	144	1. 4 –	2. 17. 4
Joseph York	do	do	25	1. 13. 4	144	1. 4 –	2. 17. 4
Jacob Royce	do	do	25	1. 13. 4	144	1. 4 –	2. 17. 4
Edward Answorth	do	do	25	1. 13. 4	144	1. 4 –	2. 17. 4
Benjamin Bragg	do	do	26.	1. 14. 8	160	1. 6. 8	3. 1. 4
Daniel Buel	do	do	26	1. 14. 8	160	1. 6. 8	3. 1. 4
Samuel Hurd	do	do	26.	1. 14. 8	160	1. 6. 8	3. 1. 4
Seymore Kelsey	do	do	26	1. 14. 8	160	1. 6. 8	3. 1. 4
Silas Mack	do	do	26	1. 14. 8	168	1. 8. –	3. 2. 8
Andrew Huntley	do	do	26.	1. 14. 8	168	1. 8 –	3. 2. 8
Reuben Bingham	do	do	26	1. 14. 8	144	1. 4. –	2. 18. 8
Uriah Brainard	do	do	26	1. 14. 8	144	1. 4. –	2. 18. 8
James Bingham	do	do	26	1. 14. 8	144	1. 4. –	2. 18. 8
John Dudley	do	do	26	1. 14. 8	160	1. 6. 8	3. 1. 4
Benjamin Haywood	do	do	26	1. 14. 8	162	1. 7 –	3. 1. 8
Christopher Ayers	do	do	25	1. 13. 4	140	1. 3. 4	2. 16. 8

[*Colonel Benjamin Bellows's Regiment — concluded.*]

NAMES	Rank	Rate pr month	Time in Service	Amount of Wages.	Miles Travel	Amt. of Travel	Whole Amount
Edward Kize	Private	2. 0. 0	25 days	1. 13. 4	140	1. 3. 4	2. 16. 8
James McClure	do	do	25.	1. 13. 4	140	1. 3. 4	2. 16. 8
James Rogers	do	do	25	1. 13. 4	140	1. 3. 4	2. 16. 8
Eusebius Silsby	do	do	25	1. 13. 4	140	1. 3. 4	2. 16. 8
James Wallace	do	do	25	1. 13. 4	140	1. 3. 4	2. 16. 8
96 men							£379. 13. 3

Expense of Raising the Men and Pack Horses to carry the baggage &c &c viz: —

13 Baggage Horses, 12 Days @ 3/ each p Day	23. 8. 0

Expense of raising the Men Viz: —

A Man and Horse from Walpole to Claremont 23 Miles	— 10. 0
ditto from Charlestown to Newport 20 Miles	— 10 —
ditto from Charlestown to Lemster 12. "	— 5 —
ditto from Walpole to Marlow 13. "	— 5. —
ditto from ditto to Swanzey 20. "	— 10. —
Lieut. Amos Babcock and Horse from Walpole to Ticondaroga Express to Genl. Gates 10 days at 10/	5 — —
Ferriage of 96 Men and 13 Horses across Connecticut River Twice at 2 pence per head each time	1. 16 4.
Making this Roll	. 12 —
	£32. 16. 4
Amount of this Roll brought up	379.–13. 3
	£412. 9. 7

This is a true Roll and Account

Benjamin Bellows, Jr.

Exeter April 1st 1777. The Committee on Claims have examined this Roll and Account amounting to Four Hundred and Twelve Pounds Nine Shillings and Seven Pence and find them right Cast.

Josiah Gilman Jr

[Colonel Bellows was a resident of Walpole. — Ed.]

Muster and Pay Roll of the Officers and Men in Colonel Jonathan Chases Regiment of Militia in the State of New Hampshire who marched from the County of Cheshire at the requisition of Major General Gates to reinforce the Army at Ticonderoga.

Engaged October 28th *returned November* 18" 1776.

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

NAMES.	Towns	Rank	Time in service	Rates p months	Amount wages	Rations	Whole Amounts
Jonathan Chase	Cornish	Col.	22 Days	£15 —	11. 0. 0	3. 15. 0	14. 15. 0
Francis Smith	Plainfield	Majr.	do	10. 0. 0	7. 6. 8	2. 10. 0	9. 16. 8
Solomon Chase	Cornish	Capt.	22 –	8. – –	5. 17. 4	1. 17. 6	7. 14. 10
Samuel Paine	Lebanon	do	22. –	8 – –	5. 17. 4	1. 17. 6	7. 14. 10
Joseph Smith	Plainfield	Lieut	22 –	5. 8. 0	3. 19. 2	1. 5. 0	5. 4. 2
Reuben Gerold	do	do	22 –	5. 8 –	3. 19. 2	1. 5. 0	5. 4. 2
Elisha Ticknor	Lebanon	do	22 –	do	3. 19. 2	1. 5. –	5. 4. 2
Abel Stevens	Grantham	do	22. –	do	3. 19. 2	1. 5. –	5. 4. 2
Jonathan Freeman	Hanover	do	22 –	do	3. 19. 2	1. 5. –	5. 4. 2
Samuel Jones	Canaan	do	22 –	do	3. 19. 2	1. 5. –	5. 4. 2
Joseph Hall	Croydon	do	22 –	do	3. 19. 2	1. 5. –	5. 4. 2
Abel Wildair	Cardogan	do	22 –	do	3. 19. 2	1. 5. –	5. 4. 2
						Travil at 2d pr mile	
Samuel Chase	Cornish	Sergt.	22 –	2. 8. 0	1. 15. 2	100. 16. 8	2. 11. 10
Nathaniel Goodspeed	do	do	22 –	do	1. 15. 2	" 16. 8	2. 11. 10
Samuel Williams	Plainfield	do	22 –	do	1. 15. 2	106. 17. 8	2. 12. 10
Thomas Gallop	do	do	22 –	do	1. 15. 2	" 17. 8	2. 12. 10
Daniel Kimbal	do	do	22. –	do	1. 15. 2	106. 17. 8	2. 12. 10
Henry Woodward	Lebanon	do	22 –	do	1. 15. 2	115. 0. 19. 2	2. 14. 4
James Slaid	Hanover	do	22 –	do	1. 15. 2	125. 1. 0. 10	2. 16. –
James Mutch	do	do	22 –	do	1. 15. 2	125. 1. 0. 10	2. 16. –
Christopher Smith	Grafton	do	22 –	do	1. 15. 2	140. 1. 3. 4	2. 18. 6
Thomas Gates	Plainfield	Corpl.	22 –	44/	1. 12. 3	106. 0. 17. 8	2. –9.–11–
Samuel Hough	Lebanon	do	22. –	do	1. 12. 3	115. 19. 2	2. 11. 5

Zaccheus Downer	do	do	22	–	do	1.	12.	3			19.	2	2.	11.	5
James Jones	do	do	22	–	do	1.	12.	3			19.	2	2.	11.	5
Timothy Fisher	Croydon	do	22	–	do	1.	12.	3	114.		19.	–	2.	11.	3
Seth Wheeler	do	do	22	–	do	1.	12.	3			19	–	2.	11.	3
Elias Cady	Cornish	Private	22.	–	40/	1.	9.	4	100.		16.	8	2.	6.	–
William Richardson	do	do	22.	–	do	1.	9.	4			16.	8	2.	6.	–
Isaac Welman	do	do	22	–	do	1.	9.	4			16.	8	2.	6	–
Simeon Chase	do	do	22	–	do	1.	9.	4			16.	8	2.	6	–
Moses Hall	do	do	22	–	do	1.	9.	4			16.	8	2.	6	–
Joseph Kimbal	Plainfield	do	22	–	do	1.	9.	4	106.		17.	8	2.	7	–
Isaac Wilson	do	do	22		do	1.	9.	4			17.	8	2.	7.	–
James Wilson	do	do	22		do	1.	9.	4			17.	8	2.	7	–
Nath[l]. Wheatly	do	do	22		do	1.	9.	4			17.	8	2.	7	–
Walter Peck	Lebanon	do	22		do	1.	9.	4	115.		19.	2	2.	8.	6
James Fuller	do	do	22		do	1.	9.	4			19.	2	2.	8.	6
Daniel Bliss	do	do	22		do	1.	9.	4			19.	2	2.	8.	6
Eleazer Woodward	do	do	22		do	1.	9.	4			19.	2	2.	8.	6
Elkanah Sprage	do	do	22		do	1.	9.	4			19.	2	2.	8.	6
Ezra Perkins *	do	do	22		do	1.	9.	4			19.	2	2.	8.	6
James Hobart	do	do	22		do	1.	9.	4			19.	2	2.	8.	6
Nathan West	Hanover	do	22		do	1.	9.	4	125.	1.	0.	10	2.	10.	2
Moody Freeman	do	do	22		do	1.	9.	4		1.	0.	10	2.	10.	2
William Dewy	do	do	22		do	1.	9.	4		1	0.	10	2.	10.	2
David Chandler	Hanover	Private	22.		40/	1.	9.	4		1.	0.	10	2.	10.	2
John Bridgman	do	do	22.		do	1.	9.	4		1.	0.	10	2.	10.	2
Beza Davis	do	do	22		do	1.	9.	4		1.	0.	10	2.	10.	2
Joel Woodward	do	do	22		do	1.	9.	4		1	–	10	2.	10.	2
Luther Lincoln	do	do	22		do	1.	9.	4		1.	–	10	2.	10.	2
Experience Triscott	do	do	22		do	1.	9.	4		1.	0.	10	2.	10.	2
David Hayes	do	do	22		do	1.	9.	4		1.	0.	10	2.	10.	–2
Isaac Bridgham	do	do	22		do	1.	9.	4		1.	0.	10	2.	10.	2
Silas Tenney	do	do	22		do	1.	9.	4		1.	0.	10	2.	10.	2
Asa. Williams	Canaan	do	22		do	1.	9.	4	140.	1.	3.	4	2.	12.	8
Jacob. Clifford	do	do	22		do	1.	9.	4	140.	1.	3.	4	2.	12.	8
Samuel Lothrop	do	do	22		do	1.	9.	4		1.	3.	4	2.	12.	8
John Scovel Jr.	do	do	22		do	1.	9.	4		1.	3.	4	2.	12.	8

* This name had a line drawn through it in the original.

[*Muster and Pay Roll of Colonel Chase's Regiment—concluded.*]

NAMES	Towns	Rank	Time in service	Rates p months	Amount wages	Travil at 2d per mile	Whole Amounts
John Sangar	Croydon	Private	22 days	40/	1. 9. 4	114. 0. 19. 4	2. 8. 4
Stephen Powers	do	do	22	do	1. 9. 4	0. 19. 4	2. 8. 4
David Stockwell	do	do	22	do	1. 9. 4	0. 19. 4	2. 8. 4
Amos Hagar	do	do	22	do	1. 9. 4	. 19. 4	2. 8. 4
Enoch Emerson	do	do	22	do	1. 9. 4	. 19. 4	2. 8. 4
Joel Cooper	do	do	22	do	1. 9. 4	. 19. 4	2. 18. 4
David Eames	Cardigan	do	22	do	1. 9. 4	140 1. 13. 4	2. 12. 8
Thadeus Eames	do	do	22	do	1. 9. 4	1. 13. 4	2. 12. 8
Benjamin Fuller	Pelham	do	22	do	1. 9. 4	130. 1. 1. 8	2. 11. –
Jeremiah Meacham	do	do	22	do	1. 9. 4	1. 1. 8	2. 11. –
Philip Paddleford	do	do	22	do	1. 9. 4	1. 1. 8	2. 11. –
Abraham Aldridge	Grafton	do	22	do	1. 9. 4	140. 1. 3. 4	2. 12. 8
Nathanel Andrews	do	do	22	do	1. 9. 4	1. 3. 4	2. 12. 8
Benjamin Pigsley	do	do	22	do	1. 9. 4	1. 3. 4	2. 12. 8
Simon Bullock	do	do	22	do	1. 9. 4	1. 3. 4	2. 12. 8
Ebenezer Peck	Lebanon	do	22.	do	1. 9. 4	19. 2	2. 8. 6
75 Men				£	157. 12. 8	62. 13. 4	240. 6. 0

Expense paid Expresses raising my Regiment also for. Pack. Horses carrying baggage viz: —

Samuel Chase Esq and Horse 2. Days @ 7/	0.	14.	0
Samuel Chase Jr. and Horse 1. Day		7.	–
Thomas Gates and Horse 1. Day		7	–
Thomas Wells and Horse 2.		14	–
Lieut. William Dana. and Horse 3	1.	1.	0
Jonathan Freeman and do 2		14	–
	£ 3.	17.	0

Men and Horses to carry baggage

Solomon Wellman	9. Days himself	9. Days. Horse	@ 7/	3.	3.	0
Colonel Chase		12	4/	2.	8.	0
Moses Chase		9	4/	1.	16.	0
Solomon Chase	2. Horses 12. each	24.	4/	4.	16.	0
Thomas Gallop	9. Days himself	9. his Horse	7/	3.	3	–
David Gitchel	9	9.	7/	3.	3.	0
Francis Smith		12.	4/	2.	8.	0
Lt. John Stevens		12	4/	2.	8.	–
Samuel Payne		12	4/.	2.	8	–
Thomas Ducker	10 @ 3/ 3. Horses	10 each 30 @	4/	7.	10	–
Oliver Griswold	3	3	7/	1.	1.	–
Stephen Bliss	3.	3.	7/	1.	1	–
Joshua Wells	3.	3.	7/	1.	1	–
Thomas Baxter	3 @ 3/ 2. Horses	3 each 6 @	4/	1.	13.	–
Joseph Hoit	4	4	7/	1.	8	–
Abel Wilders' Man.	4	4	7/	1.	8	–
Moses Whipple	3	3	7/	1.	1	–
Edmund Freeman	3 @ 3/ 3 Horses	3 each 9	4/	2.	5	–
				£ 47.	18.	0
Amount of wages &c $960\frac{66}{90}$ dols.				240.	6.	0
			£	288.	4.	0

This is a true Roll. Jonathan Chase Colo. —

Jan. 29, 1777 This Roll amounting to Two Hundred and Eighty Eight Pounds four Shillings is right Cast

Examined ℘ the Committee on Claims

Joseph. Gilman

State of New Hampshire Jan. 29th, 1777

Then Colo. Jonothan Chase above named, made Solemn Oath To the Truth and Justice of the foregoing Roll by him Subscribed

Before E. Thompson Justice Peace

State of New Hampshire Jan. 29th 1777

Recieved an Order on the Reciever General for the Sum of Two Hundred and Eighty eight Pounds four Shillings in full for the above Roll and hereby in behalf of myself the Officers and Soldiers therein mentiond discharge said State upon Account thereof

℘ Jonathan Chase

£ 288. 4. 0

A true copy attestr. Josiah Gilman Jr.

Pay Roll of Capt Jeremiah Eames' Company of Rangers from the 14th day of October to the 1st day of December 1776.

Headquarters Upper Coos.

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

NAMES	Rank	Time in Service		Rate pr Mo	Amount of Wages
		Mo.	day		
Jeremiah Eames	Capt	1	17	6. £ –	9. 8. 0
Ward Bailey	Lieutenant	1 –	17	4. 0. 0.	6. 5. 4
Thomas Burnside	Sergt	1 –	17	2. 8. 0.	3. 15. 2
James Blake	ditto	do		2. 8. —	3. 15. 2
Nathan Caswell	Private	do		2 – 0. 0.	3 – 2 – 8
Nathan Barlow	"	do		ditto	3. 2. 8
Abner Barlow	"	do		ditto	3. 2. 8
James Brown	"	do		ditto	3. 2. 8
Gideon Smith	"	do		ditto	3. 2. 8
John French	"	do		ditto	3. 2. 8
Eleazer Rosebrook	"	do		ditto	3. 2. 8
James Burnside	"	do		ditto	3. 2. 8
Benjamin Sawyer	"	do		ditto	3. 2. 8
Dill Sawyer	"	do		ditto	3. 2. 8
John Trickee	"	do		ditto	3. 2. 8
Jeremiah Eames, Junr	"	do		ditto	3. 2. 8
William Amy	"	do		ditto	3. 2. 8
Moses Page	"	do		ditto	3. 2. 8
Samuel Page	"	do		ditto	3. 2. 8
Samuel Nash	"	do		ditto	3. 2. 8
George Wheeler	"	do		ditto	3. 2. 8
Jonathan Willard	"	do		ditto	3. 2. 8
Zebulun Colby	"	do		ditto	3. 2. 8
Thomas Blodget	"	do		ditto	3. 2. 8
Josiah Blodget		do		ditto	3. 2. 8
John Gibson		do		ditto	3. 2. 8
					£92 – 2 – 4

This is a True Roll. Jeremiah Eames

Exeter, January 3d 1777 This Roll amounting to Ninety two pounds Two shillings and four pence is right Cast

Examd by the Committee of Claims Joseph Gillman

In the House of Representatives Jany 3d 1777. The above Roll was sworn to by Jeremiah Eames.

Attest, N. Emery Cl. D. R.

A Warrant was issued for the amount of the above, Pay Roll appears by the Journals of Council

Attest Joseph Pearson, D. Secy.

[Colonel Bedel's Regiment in part.]

Pay Roll of Capt. Samuel Young's Company in a Regt. of Volunteers raised by order of Congress for an Expedition ag^t Canada whereof Tim^y Bedel Esq. is Colonel.

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

NAMES AND RANKS.		Commencement of Pay	Time of service		Pay p month	Amount of Wages		
			mo	days	dollars	£	S.	D.
Samuel Young	Capt.	15th Dec. 1777	3	17	80	85	12	—
George Moore	1st Lieut.	" Do	3	17	54	57	15	7 1/5
Elisha Powell	2nd Lieut	Do	3	17	54	57	15	7 1/5
Moses Chamberlain	Sergeant Major	12th Feb. 1778	1	18	16 –	8	12	7 3/5
Daniel Mills	Do	23rd Jany.—	2	8	16 –	10	17	7 1/5
John Stark	Do	6th Feby.—	1	24	16 –	8	12	9 3/5
Nathaniel Price —	Do	11th Feby.—	1	19	16 –	7	17	0 3/5
Isaac Stevens	Corpl.	9th Do	1	21	14 2/3	7	9	7 1/5
Caleb Young	Do	25th Jany.	2	6	14 2/3	9	13	7 1/5
Peter Thatcher Jr	Do	9th Feby.—	1	21	14 2/3	7	9	7 1/5
Jacob Schoof	Do	9th Do	1	21	14 2/3	7	9	7 1/5
John Brown	Drummer	12th Do	1	18	14 2/3	7	0	9 3/5
Levi Andross	Private	29th Jany.	2	2	13 1/3	8	5	4
Thomas Brock	Do	29 Do	2	2	13 1/3	8	5	4
Timothy Bayley	Do	27 Feby.	1	3	13 1/3	4	8	0
James Bell —	Do	17 Do	1	13	13 1/3	5	14	8
Sebe Beebe —	Do	17 Do	1	13	13 1/3	5	14	8
John Clarke —	Do	29 Jany.	2	2	13 1/3	8	5	4
Edward Clarke —	Do	25th Jany.	2	6	13 1/3	8	16	0
Jonathan Clarke —	Do	27th Feby.	1	3	13 1/3	4	8	0
* ——— Clarke, Jr	Do	27th Do	1	3	13 1/3	4	8	0
Nathaniel Darby —	Do	23rd Jany.	2	8	13 1/3	9	1	4
John Dawson —	Do	27th Feby.	1	3	13 1/3	4	8	0
Obadiah Eastman —	Do	28th Do	1	2	13 1/3	4	5	4
Peter Eastman —	Do	28th Do	1	2	13 1/3	4	5	4
Josiah Elkins —	Do	9th Feby.	1	21	13 1/3	6	16	0
Jonathan Eastman —	Do	27th Do	1	3	13 1/3	4	8	0
James Eastman —	Do	25th Do	1	5	13 1/3	4	13	4
Nathan Fellows —	Do	17th Do —	1	13	13 1/3	5	14	8
Samuel Fellows —	Do	23rd Do	1	7	13 1/3	4	18	8
Samuel Galusha	Do	7th Do	1	23	13 1/3	7	1	4
David Greenleafe	Do	28th Feby. —	1	2	13 1/3	4	5	4
Samuel Gilman —	Do	26th Do	1	4	13 1/3	4	10	8
Oliver Hand —	Do	26th Jany	2	5	13 1/3	8	13	4
James Heath	Do	13th Feby.	1	17	13 1/3	6	5	4
Joseph Haynes	Do	25th Do	1	5	13 1/3	1	13	4
Abel Jennings	Do	16th Do	1	14	13 1/3	5	17	4
Jacob Kent	Do	25 Do	1	5	13 1/3	4	13	4
Jacob Laconsto (?)	Do	14 Do	1	16	13 1/3	6	2	8
Peter Lurvey (?)	Do	22nd Jany.	2	9	13 1/3	9	4	0
John Lovering	Do	23rd Do	2	8	13 1/3	9	1	4
Jesse McFarland	Do	29th Do	2	2	13 1/3	8	5	4

* Name torn off.

NAMES AND RANKS		Commencement of Pay	Time of service		Pay p month	Amount of Wages		
			mo	days	Dollars	£	S.	D.
Andrew McAllister	Private	29th Jany.	2	2	13⅓	8	5	4
John Merrell—	Do	26th Feby.	1	4	13⅓	4	10	8
Thos. McConnall	Do	26th Do	1	4	13⅓	4	10	8
William Martin	Do	25th Do	1	5	13⅓	4	13	4
Ebenezer Olmstead	Do	16th Do	1	14	13⅓	5	17	4
Benjamin Patterson	Do	29th Jany.	2	2	13⅓	8	5	4
Josiah Pratt	Do	28th Febry.	1	2	13⅓	4	5	4
Daniel Parker	Do	9th Do	1	21	13⅓	6	16	0
John Phillips	Do	1st March	1	1	13⅓	4	2	8
Simeon Root	Do	6th Feby.	1	24	13⅓	7	4	0
Solomon Root	Do	11th Do	1	19	13⅓	6	10	8
John Rich	Do	9th Do	1	21	13⅓	6	16	0
Avery Sanders	Do	28th Jany.	2	3	13⅓	8	8	0
Alexr Shields	Do	25th Feby.	1	5	13⅓	4	13	4
Joshua Sanders	Do	25th Jany.	1	5	13⅓	4	13	4
Elisha Warner	Do	28th Do	1	2	13⅓	4	5	4
David Witcher	Do	12th Do	1	18	13⅓	6	8	0
John Way Junr	Do	23rd Do	1	7	13⅓	4	18	8
David Weeks	Do	25th Do	1	5	13⅓	4	13	4
David Young	Do	25th Jany.	2	6	13⅓	8	16	0
				Lawful money		£580	9	3⅘

Discharged March 31, 1778. Samuel Young, Captain

[Rolls of two more of Captain Bedel's companies may be found in Vol. XVI. page 927. — Ed.]

Pay Roll of Capt. Nehemiah Lovewell's Company in a Reg of Volunteers Raised by order of Congress for an Expedition against Canada where of Tim'y Bedel Esq. is Col^o.

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

NAMES & RANKS		Commencement of Pay	Time of service		Pay p month	Amount of Pay		
					$	£	S.	P.
Nehemiah Lovewell	Capt.	Dec 15th 1777	3	17	80	85	12	—
Benjamin Sawyer	1st Lieut.	15 Dec. Do.	3	17	54	57	15	7⅕
James Ladd	2nd Lieut	15th Do	3	17	54	57	15	7⅕
Samuel Eatton	Sergeant	26th Jany 1778	2	5	16–	10	8	0
Moses Barns	Do	9th Feby	1	21	16–	8	3	2⅗
Henry Lovewell	Do	22nd Jany	2	9	16–	10	18	9⅗
Enos Sawyer	Do	23rd Do	2	8	16–	10	17	7⅕
Samuel Webster	Corpl.	2nd Feby.	1	28	14–⅔	8	10	1⅗
Timothy Olmstead	Do	23rd Jany.	2	8	14⅔	9	19	5⅗
Abel Davies	Do	23 Do	2	8	14⅔	9	19	5⅗
Jonn Hopkinson	Do	14th Feby.	1	16	14⅔	6	14	11⅕
Jonathan Lovewell	Drumr	26th Jany	2	5	14⅔	9	10	8
John Acen Junr	Private	10th Feby.	1	20	13⅓	6	13	4
John Armon	Do	17th Feby.	1	13	13⅓	5	14	8
John Bucknal	Do	3rd Do	1	29	13⅓	7	17	4
John Barnatt	Do	13th Do	1	17	13⅓	6	5	4
Richard Chamberlin	Do	2nd Do	1	28	13⅓	7	14	8
Icobud Collings	Do	16th Do	1	14	13⅓	5	17	4
Elisha Cleavland	Do	30th Jany	2	1	13⅓	8	2	8
John Clark	Do	19th Feby.	1	11	13⅓	5	9	4
Abel Davis Junr	Do	23rd Jan'y.	2	8	13⅓	9	1	4
John Evens	Do	1st Feby.	1	29	13⅓	7	7	4
Jonathan Farewell	Do	26th Jan.	2	5	13⅓	8	13	4
Ezra Gates	Do	9th Feb.	1	21	13⅓	6	16	0
George Gregg	Do	23rd Jan.	2	8	13⅓	9	1	4
Abraham Gile	Do	26th Feb.	1	4	13⅓	4	10	8
Aaron Hosmir	Do	26th Jan.	2	5	13⅓	8	13	4
Jesse Heath	Do	30th January	2	1	13⅓	8	2	8
Timothy Hasseltine	Do	25th Feb.	1	2	13⅓	4	5	4
Daniel Hunt		20th do	1	10	13⅓	5	6	8
Zebulon Hunt		3rd do	1	27	13⅓	7	12	0
David Hopkinson		26th do	1	4	13⅓	4	10	8
Zaccheas Lovewell		26th Jan.	2	5	13⅓	8	13	4
Wm Lock		31st do	2	0	13⅓	8	0	0
Elisha Lock		5th Feb.	1	25	13⅓	7	6	5
David Learnard		14th do	1	16	13⅓	6	2	8
Abijah Learned		16th do	1	14	13⅓	5	17	4
Hugh Miller		26th Jan.	2	5	13⅓	8	13	4
Jonathn Moulton		18th Feb.	1	12	13⅓	5	12	0
David Nevens Junr		9th do	1	21	13⅓	6	16	0
Saml Nash		14th Feb.	1	16	13⅓	6	2	8
Israel Olmstead		15th do	1	15	13⅓	6	0	0
Moses Pike		30th Jan.	2	1	13⅓	8	2	8
Richard Pillsbury		29th do	2	2	13⅓	8	5	4

NAMES & RANKS.		Commencement of Pay	Time of service		Pay p month	Amount of Pay		
					$	£	S	P
Moses Page	Private	26th Feb.	1	4	13⅓	4	10	8
Nehemiah Snow		9th do	1	21	13⅓	6	16	0
John Sawyer		12th do	1	18	13⅓	6	8	0
Timy Stevens		14th do	1	16	13⅓	6	2	8
Moses Sleeper		26th Jan.	2	5	13⅓	8	13	4
James Treminick		13th Feb	1	17	13⅓	6	5	4
George Wheeler		14th do	1	16	13⅓	6	2	8
Isaiah Whittom		26th do	1	4	13⅓	4	10	8
Haynes French		16th do	1	14	13⅓	5	17	4
				Lawful money		£565	11	5⅘

This Company was discharged March 31, 1778.

Nehemiah Lovewell Capt.

Pay Roll of Captain Davenport Phelps's Company in a Regiment of Volunteers designed for an Expedition into Canada whereof Timothy Bedel Esq is Colonel until the last day of March 1778.

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

No	NAMES AND RANK		Commencement of Pay		Time of Service Mo.	days	Pay p Month Dollars	Amount of Pay £	S.	P.
1	Davenport Phelps	Captain	Dec.	15	3	17	" 80 "	85.	12.	0
2	Ephraim Morey	1st Lieut	do	do	3	17	" 54 "	57.	15.	$7\frac{1}{5}$
3	Ezra Moor	2nd Lieut	do	do	3.	17		57.	15.	$7\frac{1}{5}$
4	Thomas Waitt	Sergeant	Feb.	20	1.	10	" 16 "	6.	8.	0
5	John Woodworth	do	do	1st	1.	29	do	9.	8	$9\frac{3}{5}$
6	Ephraim Skinner	do	Jan.	27	2.	4	do	10.	4.	$9\frac{3}{5}$
7	Solomon Strong	do	do	do	2	4	do	10.	4.	$9\frac{3}{5}$
8	2 1 1 4 Abel Sawyer	Corporal	Feb.	9	1.	21.	$14\frac{2}{3}$	7.	9.	$9\frac{3}{5}$
9	John Marston	do	do	do	1.	21	do	7.	9.	$9\frac{3}{5}$
10	Ezekiel Hawley	do	Feb.	21	1.	9	do	5.	14.	$4.\frac{4}{5}$
11	Simon Gillet	do	Jan.	27	2	4	do	9.	7.	$8\frac{4}{5}$
12	William Wigin	Fifer	Feb.	26	1.	4	do	4.	19.	$8\frac{4}{5}$
13	Thomas Devine	Private	Jan.	27	2	4	$13\frac{1}{3}$	8.	10.	8
14	Joseph Keyes	do	do	do	2.	4	do	8.	10.	8
15	Charles Chamberlain	do	Feb.	12	1.	18	do	6.	8.	0
16	Amasa Chamberlain	do	do	27	1.	3	do	4.	8.	0
17	Alpheus Phillips	do	do	7	1	23	do	7.	1.	4
18	Ichabod. Palmer	do	do	12	1.	18	do	6.	6.	0
19	Israel Morey Junr.	do	do	9.	1.	20	do	6.	16.	4
20	John Sawyer	do	Mar.	2.	1.	–	do	4.	0.	9
21	Aaron Post.	do	Feb.	9.	1.	21	do	6.	16.	4
22	Simeon Darbe	do	do	12	1.	18	do	6.	8.	0
23	Guy Clark.	do	do	27	1.	3.	do	4.	8.	0
24	John Bell	do	Mar.	6.	0.	26	do	3.	9.	4
25	Samuel Bell	do	do	3	0.	29	do	3.	17.	4
26	Andrew. Bell	do	Jan.	28	2	3.		8.	8.	0
27	Zenas Case	do	Feb.	23	1.	7.	do	4.	18.	8
28	Theodorus Woodward	do	do	9.	1.	21	do	6.	16.	0
29	James Wesson	do	do	do	1.	21	do	6.	16.	0
30	William Abbott	do	do	do	1.	21	do	6.	16.	0
31	Aaron Wesson	do	do	do	1.	21	do	6.	16.	0
32	Elisha Woodworth	do	do	do	1.	21	do	6.	16.	0
23	William Moor Jr.	do	Jan.	27	2.	4	do	8.	10.	8
34	John Kingsley	do	Feb.	21.	1.	9	do	5.	4.	0
35	Peruda Stevens	do	do	do	1.	9.	do	5.	4.	0
36	Briant Brown	do	do	28	1.	2	do	4.	5	4
37	John Squier	do	Feb.	28	1.	2	$13\frac{1}{2}$	4.	5.	4
38	Luther Hillard	do	Mar.	2	1.	30	do	4.	0.	0
39	Alexander Phelps	do	Feb.	10	1.	20.	do	6.	13.	4.
40	Aaron Putney	do	do	24	1.	6	do	4.	16.	0
41	Amos Palmer	do	do	26	1.	4	do	4.	10.	0.
42	Jonathan Rich	do	do	12	1.	1.	do	6.	8.	0
43	Judah Benjamin	do	do	20	1.	10	do	5.	6.	0
44	Francis Fenton	do	Mar.	2.	0.	30.	do	4.	0.	0
							£	457.	1.	$6\frac{3}{4}$

Certified Pr Davenport Phelps, Capt.

Muster Roll of the Officers and Soldiers inlisted in Captain Davenport Phelps. Company in a Regiment of Volunteers Whereof Colonel Timothy Bedel Esq. is Commander in Continental Service, until the last Day of this inst. March 1778.

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

	NAMES	Rank.	Description.	Place of abode	Time of enlistment	Money advanced
1	Davenport Phelps	Captain				4– 10– 0.
	Ephraim Morey	1st Lieut				3– 0– 0
	Ezra Moore	2nd Lieut				3– 0– 0
1	Thomas Waitt	Sergeant	21 ys. old. 5 ft 8 inch Dark complected	Windsor	Feby. 20	£ 6– 0– 0
2	John Woodworth	Sergeant	22. ys old 6 ft. high Light complexion	Fairlee	Feb. 1st	3– 0– 0
3	Ephraim Skinner	Sergt.	21 ys old 5 ft 11 inches blue eyes and light hair	Lyme	Jany 27	6– 0– 0
4	Solomon Strong	Sergt.	23 ys old 6 ft high	Thetford	do do	3– 0– 0
5	Abel Sawyer	Corporal	25 ys old 5 ft. 9 inch	Orford	Feb. 9	4– 10– 0
6	John Marston	do	21. ys old 5 ft. 8 inches	Fairlee	do do	4– 10– 0
7	Ezekiel Hawley	do	25 ys old 5 ft 2 inches Light Complected	Windsor	Feb. 21	4– 10– 0
8	Simon Gillet	do	20 ys old, 5 ft 9 inches	Thetford	Jany. 27	1– 10– 0
9	William Wigin	Fifer	14. ys old 5 ft high Light Complexion	Orford	Feb. 26.	4– 10– 0
10	Thomas Divine	Privates	32. ys. old 5 ft. 7 inch	Thetford	Jan. 27	3– 0– 0
11	Joseph Keyes		24 ys old 5 ft 6 high	Thetford	do do	4– 10– 0
12	Charles Chamberlin		19 ys. old 6 ft high	Thetford	Feb. 12.	1– 10– 0
13	Amasa Chamberlin		29. ys old 5 ft 8 inches	Thetford	do 27	3– 12– 0
14	Alpheus Phillips		34. ys old 6 ft high	Thetford	do 7	3– 0– 0
15	Ichabod Palmer		21. ys old 5 ft 9. inches	Orford	Feb. 12	1– 10– 0
16	Israel Morey Jur.		19 ys old 5 ft 9 inches	Orford	do 9	1– 10– 0
17	John Sawyer		22 ys old 5 ft 6 inches	Orford	Mar. 2.	4– 10– 0
18	Aaron Post		17. ys old 5 ft 6 inches	Orford	Feb. 9	3– 0– 0
19	Simeon Darbe		22 ys old 5 ft 7. inches	Orford	do 12	1– 10– 0
20	Guy Clark		18 ys old 5 ft. 7 inches	Orford	do 27	1– 10– 0
21	John Bell		29 ys old 5 ft 8 inches	Lyme	Mar. 6.	3– 0– 0
22	Samuel Bell		20 ys old 5 ft 10 inches	Lyme	Mar. 3.	

[*Captain Davenport Phelps's Company — concluded.*]

	NAMES	Rank.	Description.	Place of abode	Time of enlistment	Money advanced
23	Andrew Bell		26 ys old 5 ft. 9 inches	Lyme	Jan. 28.	4– 10– 0
24	Zenas Case		26 ys old 5 ft 8 inches	Piermont	Feb. 23.	1– 10– 0
25	Theodorus Woodward		17 ys old 5 ft 6 inches	Fairlee	do 9	1– 10– 0
26	James Wesson		21 ys old 5 ft 7 inch	Haverhill	Feby. 9	£ 1– 10– 0
27	William Abbot		22. ys old 5 ft 8 inch	Haverhill	do do	1– 10– 0
28	Aaron Wesson		18. ys old 5 ft 7 inch	Haverhill	do do	1– 10– 0
29	Elisha Woodworth		26 ys old 5 ft. 9 inch	Fairlee	do do	1– 10– 0
30	William Moor Jr		31 ys old 5 ft 7 inch	Thetford	Jan. 27	1– 10– 0
31	John Kingsley		21 ys old 5 ft 9 inch pock broken Light Complexion	Windsor	Feb. 21	4– 10– 0
32	Peruda Stevens		23 ys old 5 ft 5 inch Light Complexion	Windsor	do do	4– 10– 0
33.	Briant Brown		44 ys old 5 ft 7 inch Light Complexion	Cornish	do 28	4– 10– 0
34	John Squier		23 ys old 5 ft 8 inch Dark Complexion	Claradon	do do	3– 0– 0
35	Luthar Hilliard		18. ys old 5 ft 3 inch Light Complexion	Cornish	Mar. 2	" " "
36	Alex^ar Phelps		19 ys old 5 ft 6 inc pock broken blue eyes	Orford	Feb. 10	1– 10– 0
37	Aaron Putney		21 ys old 5 ft 9 inch Thick set Light Complexion	Warren	Feb. 24	4– 10– 0
38	Amos Palmer		32 ys old 5 ft 8 inch thick set Light Complexion	Orford	do 26	1– 10– 0
39	Jonathan Rich		21 ys old 5 ft 4 inch Dark Complexion	Strafford	Feb. 12	2– 18– 0
40	Judah Benjamin		about 5 ft pock broken Light Complexion 20 odd ys old	Cornish	do 20	4– 10– 0
41	Francis Fenton		5 ft. 10 inch red hair 31 ys old	Rismont	Mar. 2.	– – –

[R. 5-75]

[*Committee of Safety to President of Congress.*]

State of New Hamp^{r}. In Committee of Safety Novem^{r} 23^{d} 1776

Sir — The Inclosed copy of a vote nominating three Persons to the Honorable Congress for their approbation to be commissionated as Field officers for the Batallion ordered to be raised in New Hampshire for the Continental Service, thro' hurry of Business, and mistake has been omitted to be Transmitted to Congress until now altho' about four Hundred of the Regiment has been raised & on Duty Two Months — They are now ordered by Genl Ward to Ticonderoga, & therefore it becomes necessary the Regiment should be commissionated —

[Indorsed "Copy to Pres. Hancock."]

[Records of Committee of Safety for that day state: "Wrote to the Continental Congress to Commission Col^{s} Long & Mooney, & Maj. Hodgdon."]

[R. 5-76]

[*Petition relative to Fixed Prices for Goods, Nov.* 26, 1776.]

State of the Massachusetts Bay — To the Honorable Council and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Court assembled, and held at Exeter within & for said State of New Hampshire —

The Petition of a Convention of the Committees, or Agents of the several Towns of Billerica, Chelmsford, Andover, Dracutt, Dunstable, Tewksbury, Westford, Haverhill, and Methuen, in the State of the Massachusetts Bay: also of the Committees or Agents of the several Towns or Districts of Londonderry, Hampstead, Plaistow, Atkinson, Pelham, Dunstable, Merrimack, Bedford, Derryfield, Goffstown, Hollis, Mason, Raby, New Ipswich, Peterborough, Wilton, Lyndsborough, and Nottingham West, in the State of New Hampshire aforesaid; and also of Mr Edward Jewett Agent in behalf (of a Convention of the Committees) of the several Towns of Rindge, Morristown, Bath, Landaff, Haverhill, Piermont, Hanover, Lebanon, Plainfield, Jaffrey, Cardigan, Canaan, Enfield, Cockermouth, Orford & Lyme, in the State of New Hampshire aforesaid, held at the House of Maj^{r} Joseph Varnum in Dracutt aforesaid November the 26th A. D. 1776 — Humbly sheweth — That notwithstanding the Association and sundry other Resolves & Recommendations of the Honorable Continental american Congress by the Letter & spirit of which, and their

Proceedings in General, we apprehend they intended, that no unreasonable advantage should be taken in the Purchase or sale, either of foreign Commodities, the Produce of our Farms, or our own Manufactures, but that all should be sold upon reasonable Terms. — And by their said Association did agree, and expressly determine that such as are Venders of Goods & Merchandize should sell at the rates they had been respectively accustomed to do, for twelve Months then last past. Many Persons in the States aforesaid, altogether disregarding the said proceedings of Congress & the weal of these united States, from mercenary, or worse views, have augmented the Price of, by far the greater Part of the Necessaries of life to an enormous Degree, many Articles of which are more than double the usual Prices, they were respectively sold for, before the Commencement of the present unhappy war. — That some persons have been so lost to all virtue and Love of their Country, as to engross the most necessary, and salable Articles, purchasing them at retail Price, and immediately advancing, upon that retail Price, at least Cent pr Cent. thereby endeavoring to depreciate the value of our Paper Currency. That the Soldier and others not concerned in this unrighteous Commerce, are groaning under their Burdens, & we fear cannot endure them much longer. That great Discontent, and uneasiness is already prevailing in many Parts of these states, on account of these detestable Practices. That we are greatly alarmed lest Tumults, Disorders and even a Disunion & backwardness in, or a defection from the common cause of America will appear in many Places, and great Difficulties arise, in recruiting and supporting the american Army (upon the success of which under God we look for political salvation) unless some Method can be found out, and speedily applied, to relieve the oppressed & remidy those evils, the fatal consequences of which, are too numerous to be inserted, & too obvious to need mentioning. — But not to trouble this Honorable Court with a long Detail of our Grievances, and the probable Consequences of Continuence, which must be founded upon Facts so notorious, that the observation and experience of each Day, would make it needless to mention. — Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray this Honorable Court to take the Premises under Consideration, and to enact such Laws, and make such Provision, Regulations, as in their operation, may speedily & effectually, remidy the evils of which we so justly complain, or otherwise releive the Petitioners and others as in your wisdom and Prudence it shall seem Good. — And the Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray. —

Signed by order & in behalf of ye Convention

℘ John Bodwell Chairman

Attest Nathl Peabody Clerk

[The following is recorded on the back of the foregoing document, in the handwriting of George King. — Ed.]

Pursuant to the within vote the Committee of both Houses having met beg leave to report it as their Opinion that a Committee be appointed forthwith to repair to the Massachusetts State & there consult with the Committee there appointed to bring in a Bill for the purpose within mentioned & that they make it their Business so to conduct matters that a general regulation may take place which may be suitable to the Circumstances of the four New Engl^d States, & that the Com^ee sent from hence be impowered to bring in a Bill as soon as may be.

[*Instructions to Committee Sent to Providence, R. I.*]

Exeter December 20th 1776

To Major General Nathaniel Folsom, The Honble Josiah Bartlett Esqr & Colonel Supply Clapp. —

Gent^n. The Council and Assembly of this State having been made acquainted, by Letters from Governor Cook of the State of Rhode Island that a considerable number of the Enemy are landed there, & requesting that a Committee may be sent from this State in conjunction with their Council of War to confer upon the expediency of raising an Army for their immediate defence, & in general to consult upon every Measure necessary to be taken for the support of the common Cause. —

The Council & Assembly of this State have appointed you Gentlemen for this purpose, & are desirous you will immediately tse off to Providence in order to effect it. —

It is impossible for us at this distance, & from the little knowledge we have of the Situation of affairs at Rhode Island, to give you particular Instructions, relative to your conduct — In General, however, we would recommend that should it be found necessary, to raise an Army there, you do everything in your power to have the Soldiers inlisted for one year, unless sooner discharged by the Honble Continental Congress, & that after their entrance into the Service they be under the direction of the Honble Continental Congress, to be by them removed to any other State for its defence — & and as that Honourable Body have apportioned the number of Men, which each State is to contribute for the common defence, we are content for the present that you give your consent, that the number of Men sent from hence, be to those of the other states as they have settled it. —

In the House of Representative Decr 20th 1776

Voted That the foregoing Instructions be given to the Committee above named as the Instructions of this house — Sent up for Concurrence

John Langdon Speaker

In Council Eodem Die read & Concurred,

E. Thompson, Scy

[See Vol. VIII. pp. 431, 432, 434. Said committees met on the twenty-fifth day of December, 1776, at Providence, R. I., and adjourned on the second day of January, 1777. A manuscript journal of the proceedings is in the collection of the N. H. Historical Society. The members present, in addition to the foregoing named, were: Hon. Thomas Cushing, Hon. Tristram Dalton, and Azor Orne, Esq., of Massachusetts; Hon. Eliphalet Dyer, Hon. Richard Law, Titus Hosmer, and Nathaniel Wales, Jr., Esqs., of Connecticut; Hon. Stephen Hopkins, Hon. William Bradford, and Henry Ward, Esq., of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations. — Ed.]

[R. 5–78] [*Soldiers' Petition.*]

The State of New Hamp^{r}. The Petition of us the subscribers humbly sheweth — That we Voluntarily Inlisted as Soldiers in Servis of the United States in Jenevery 1776 for one year and Received no Bounty — That we ware Cauled to Serve in the Northern Army and from that to the Jerseys — That the Hardships of the Campaign and sometimes not supply^{d} with our proper Rations we ware obliged to spend so great A part of our wages for the Necessaryes of Life that we have little or nothing left for our years Servis — Therefore your Petitioners humbly Pray that your Honours would take into Consideration the Hardships we have Labured under: and make us such firther allowence as you in your Wisdom shall think Proper — And your Petitioners as in Duty Bound Shall Ever Pray —

Benjamin Taylor
Ichabod Lovewell
Isac Pike
Joseph Pike
John Harwood
David Adams
Richard Adams
William Powell
Joseph Honey
William Gilson
Joel Stewart
Simeon Butterfield
Enoch Jewett
William Harris
David Marsh
John Marshall

[R. 5-80] [*Prize Ship Prince George.*]

Sales of Sundry Stores Rigging &c. belonging to the Ship Prince George sold at Public Auction by Virtue of a Warrent from the Judge of the Court Maritime of the State of new Hampshire —

[Items omitted amounting to]	£275. 16. 3¼
Charges vizt — [Items omitted]	19. 18. 10
Net sum p^{d} ye Judge [Joshua Brackett]	£255. 17. 5¾

Portsmouth Novemb^{r} 20th 1776 Errors Excepted

℘ Jno Parker

N. B. Col^{o} Long deliv^{d} two Cables to Capt Turner & others which are not accounted for —

N. B: The prize ship Prince George, was put into the hands of George King Esqr, [Oct. 10, 1775] who disposed of her Cargo according to the directions of the Committee of Safety; and had the charge & care of the sails rigging &c — the State of New Hampshire had the vessel & appurtenances valued at six hundred pounds Lawf^{l} Money & took her to their own use — the Hull was sunk in crooked lane river, to prevent the enemy's ships getting up that way ℘ order of the Committee of Safety or General Sullivan or both — what became of the sails [and] some other parts of the rigging I never knew; but think I have heard that the state had applyed some to the use of the Powder vessels last winter, & that the Continental Agent had some for the use of the Continent — what became of them remains to be inquired after — Capt Ladd & others informed me that two Cables remained with what Rigg^{g} was found, when I gave the precept to the sheriff — but I am since informed they were sold ℘ the state to the owners of the McClary Privateer —

Joshua Brackett

[R. [illegible]-81]

The State of New Hampshire To Jon^{a} M. Sewall — Dr. 1776

Augt. To my Fees in Libelling and prosecuting the Ship Prince George — her Cargo &c in the Maritime Court —	£9. 0. 0.

Greenland April 1777

Errors Excepted Jon^{a} M. Sewall

[Bill for the same amount for the "Bochacheco."]

[R. 5-82]

State of New Hampshire — Jan'y 23d 1777. I the subscriber acknowledge to have received from the Committee of Safety as said State an order on Nicholas Gilman Esqr Receivr Genl for one hundred pounds — also an order from sd Committee on Joshua Bracket Esq. Judge of the Court Maritime for two hundred & fifty five pounds seventeen shillings five pence & three farthings, said Judge first deducting his fees on the Condemnation of the ship prince George — which sums when received by me I promise to divide & pay equally to the seventy one Claimants of the Quarter part of the ship & cargo Prince George as settled by the aforesd Judge Maritime —

Titus Salter

[R. 5-84] [*Instructions to Ticonderoga Committee.*]

Instructions To Benjamin Giles Esqr and Mr Joseph Whipple — That you repair to Boston in the State of the Massachusetts Bay — wait on Majr General Ward and enquire if he Can ascertain the number of Troops stationed at Tyconderoga & Mount Independence, and the time when they are to be Discharged. — That if it shall appear to you that there is not a sufficient strength at those Places, That you make known to the Honble the Assembly of Massa Bay, That this Government, is Determined to pay the strictest attention to that important pass, & Desire that they would Co-operate in this Interesting Business. That you make Return to the Assembly or Committee of Safety as soon as may be —

In the house of Representatives Jan'y 3d, 1777. Voted that the above Instructions be Transcribed, signed by the President & Delivered to Benja Giles Esq. & Mr Jos: Whipple —

Sent up for Concurrence John Langdon Speaker

In Council Eodem Die read & concurred E. Thompson Scy

P. S. You are also to Enquire at what lay Powder is Manufactured in the Massts State, and Enquire of Mr Hopkins what Quantity of Sulphur is now in Store at Mystick belonging to this State —

[See Vol. VIII. pp. 451, 460, 462.]

[R. 5-85]

[*Jeremiah Gilman recommended for Promotion.*]

Gentlemen — Convinced of the true Merit, the personal Bravery, the activity and alertness upon every occasion of Captain Gilman late of Colonel Nixon's Regiment Major Gen[l] Sullivan earnestly recommends him for a Field Officer if there is a Commission vacant — He doubts not but from your attention to the common cause and willingness to promote the service you will take proper Notice of the above mentioned Gentleman — we know that nothing but the most vigorous exertions will rescue us from the Hands of Tyranny and save our Country that a formidable Army must be raised & officered by Gentlemen of Honor and Men of approved Bravery. such Men will do honor to the service and those are the Men that will procure us Liberty.

I am Gentlemen with great Respect
your most obedient humble servant
Lewis Morris Aid De Çamp

Chatham Bridge Jan'y 14th 1777 —

To the Honble The General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire —

[Jeremiah Gilman was appointed major of Colonel Cilley's regiment, April 1, 1777. — Ed.]

[R. 5-87]

[*Committee of Safety relative to Exchange of Prisoners.*]

State of New Hampshire — In Committee of Safety at Exeter Jan'y 30th, 1777 —

Sir — Advice to this State from General Washington has lately been received, after mentioning the necessity of an exchange of Prisoners, he proceeds in the following words — "That this Business may not remain an object of further delay, I would advise that all the prisoners in your State be Imediately sent to the commanding officer of the British Troops on the Island of Rhode Island, taking two exact Lists of the Names, Corps, Ranks of the officers, and the number of privates signed by the officer of the highest Rank; one to be sent with him accompanied by a line to Gen[l] Howe, that the particular prisoners belonging to us, & to be received in exchange, will be required by me. To which end I must request that the other

List be immediately transmitted to me, that the requisition may be made" —

In consequence of which the Prisoners that were in this State have been bro't together and put under the care of Capt John Haven (the bearer hereof), Lists of their Names, Ranks &c he will Communicate to you — And we desire you will be so kind as to assist Capt Haven in Executing this matter properly. In behalf of the Committee

I am Sir your very Hum^{l} Ser^{t}

Commanding officer of the American Troops at Rhode Island.

[Fifty-six prisoners were sent to Newport, R. I., Jan. 31, 1777. Vol. VIII. pp. 474, 476, 477.]

[*Col. Bedel to Gen. Schuyler. From Hibbard Coll., p.* 88.]

Haverhill 16th February 1777 —

Sir — Agreeable to your Instructions I have proceeded and sent a Party to S^{t}Francois also to the Indians in the Eastern Parts, and to Caughnawaga — I have now Three Parties in Canada, there is some Families of Indians come in who Informs that the Regulars are very severe upon them to take up arms and there is a number of our People there raising Companies of Rangers, and that there is a number of families more would come in if they had any thing to support themselves with as Genl Carlton will not suffer them to Purchase either Blankets or Powder unless they will take up arms. these Indians further inform that there is very few Indians if any that would take up arms against us in Canada could they but once be rightly informed into the Circumstances of affairs, the news they have is much against us and in favor of the Ministry as people are constantly deserting and coming that way which fills them with all manner of News. they also say they are informed by Sir John Johnson and Loramer that they want some Companies of Light Infantry & Indians to come down upon Connecticut River, and across Lake Champlain the same Intelligence we also have by several Deserters from Canada who have come thro' this way —

I expect to have a number of Indians in here in about a fortnight sho^{d} be glad of your Instructions what I must do with whether I must supply them and in what manner as I shall then have intelligence of what is passing in Canada. those Indians that are come in are desirous of having a Block house built on Connecticut River

near Canada Line where they would make their abode untill this Dispute is Ended. It is the Opinion of all People who are friends to Liberty as also the Indians that it wo^d be of great advantage to have Companies of Rangers kept Scouting to Lake Champlain, Misisque Bay &c, as they wo^d then take up all going and coming from Canada and there is a great number of brave Men here who wo^d willingly Engage as Rangers, also a number of Carpenters which if they sho^d be wanted at Ticonderoga in assisting to Build sho^d be sent upon the shortest notice if it is your pleasure for such a thing to be done sho^d be glad of your instructions if there is [to] be any Rangers raised here for scouting Parties or to join the Army sho^d be glad to know it as there is quantity of fat cattle to be sold which [will] be drove off soon unless I sho^d engage them for that service as soon as I receive your instructions what to do shall immediately proceed to put them in force in the most best and quickest manner in my Power as I am always ready to obey what orders I may receive.

I shall want some Money and whatever the Bearer Capt Young gives his receipt for I be accountable for whether to Purchase Cattle or any other purpose you may Direct — Several of the Indians who have come in are desirous to engage in our Service —

It is the opinion of People on Connecticut River that if a little Fort was Built agreeable to the desire of the Indians that it would be a great Safeguard to this part of the Continent and we sho^d certainly have all the Intelligence that they wo^d be able to procure, and they all affirm that they never expect any succour from any part only from the Congress I have supported several families myself, as they have never been invited by any one except myself to come into these parts —

[The foregoing is from Colonel Bedel's retained copy, which is among the papers presented to the New Hampshire Historical Society by Hon. George S. Hale. The collection contains documents of much historic value relating to the war of 1812–1815. — Ed.]

[*Col. Bedel to Gen. Schuyler. Hibbard Coll., Vol. IV. p.* 89.]

24th Feby 1777

Sir — Since I wrote to you the Scout from Saint Francois is arrived who brings the following Intelligence that they went within 25 Miles of the Village where they met 4 Families of Indians who

were going out a Hunting they had a Pass from the officer of the Regulars who commands at that Place to Hunt and not upon any pretence to come nigh this River on pain of death also that a Party of Regulars & Canadians were to come this winter to take a Survey of the Lake Amprobagog and was expected to come this way — the Party from Mr Metcalfs is arrived who say that upon their arrival they found everything desolate and the Party of Regulars there were between 80 & 100 Men & also in the Villages from Montreal to Quebec Parties were there & that they were bringing in Provisions very fast to Montreal Saint Francois & Saint Johns that the British Troops used them extremely ill, and that a number of Indian Officers from different Tribes were Inlisting at St Francois but met with no success, the whole of Indians joined as these Indians say were about 1000 and more sent for but not as yet come. the Common talk of the Indians in Canada is they wod be glad to hear that the French wod join us and they would willingly take up arms to assist us & are very glad to hear of News in our favour Those Indians belonging to St Francois tribe say they would never go into Canada again could they get Supplies this way The Lake Amprobagog is the Head of St Francois River about 3 days March from the Upper Settlements on Connecticut River where they are going to make their Survey & it generally Supposed they are upon the Plan of Reconotring the Ground to come this way in order to distress the Inhabitants on this River, if it is your Honours pleasure that a Party shod go as Scouts from hence it is necessary that the Party from the County of Gloucester be Stopt, there is also a Party of Men here raised by the State of New York under the Command of Major Hosington deced who have not done 3 days duty since raised it is necessary some Person shod be appointed to see that Duty is done as it is only expending the Continents money & distroying Provisions for further particulars the Bearer Capt Johnson can inform you — * The Party that went to Metcalfs at Misisque Bay is returned made no discovery only found his house Evacuated — I shod be glad your Honours wod send by the Bearer some Belts of Wampum as I have none also a little hard Cash as I shall have to send to Canada again

* One of those Indians this Scout met with belonged to the Micmac Tribe which lies below Quebec who sd their Tribe used to get the chief of their Subsistance from Nova Scotia, since Capt Ede went there they are deprived of all Subsistance from that quarter and begs they may be relieved this way — Your Honours Directions I should be glad to have relating them — as soon as the other Scout arrives your Honour will be informed.

[*Gen. Schuyler to Col. Bedel. Copied from Hibbard Manuscripts, belonging to the N. H. Historical Society, Vol.* III. *p.* 44.]

Albany February 27 : 1777

Sir—Your Letter of the 16th Instant has been delivered me by Captain Young, to whom I have paid on your account one hundred and fifty Dollars, which you will please to dispose of with as much economy as the Nature of the service will permit keeping exact account of your expenditures. Whatever Indians may come from Canada to us as Friends you will treat in the civilest manner and contribute something towards their support — As to building a Blockhouse for their protection I do not see any great Necessity for it, as I do not apprehend that any portion of the enemy will go so far East as Connecticut River. What those that are come from Canada relate as to Sir John Johnson & Loramier's Intentions is without Foundation — Sir John left Canada early last Fall and I have good Information that Loramier is in Disgrace with General Carlton.

The experience we have had of ranging Companies unless they are regularly enlisted for the War gives us no reason to expect much from them it is besides a Measure that I cannot enter into without the permission of Congress.

I believe the chief Engineer and D. Quarter Master General are both provided with a sufficient number of Carpenters.

As soon as you receive any further intelligence you will communicate it to me.

I am Sir your most obedient humble servant —

Colonel Bedel. Ph: Schuyler

[*Soldiers' Orders. Bedel Papers, p.* 47.]

Pikskill febuary 28th 1777

Captain howard Sir. Pleas to Pay to Ezekiel Parker the order sum of twenty two shillings lawful money Take the same out of my wages Being for Vallue Received.

John Marston William Kimball

[Captain Joshua Hayward's Company.]

Peekskill March 1st 1777

Mr George Moor Sir Pleas to pay to Capt Heward five shillings L. M. which same Capt Hayward has Payd to Lieut Hopkins on my acct it being pay for a Cartreg Box that you Bought of me

Thomas McClary

[*Letter. Col. Bedel to Gen. Schuyler. Ibid, p.* 48.]

Haverhill State of New Hampshire 22d April 1777.

Sir — Your favours by Captsˢ Young & Johnson I recd and have noted them with exactness I have had some Parties out and by the best Intelligence I can get the Indians in our Parts are very still but that the enemy are preparing to come on these parts. We can have a quantity of Men raised here during the War on verry short Notice — if you think it necessary to raise only one Company of Rangers I cod have a Prisoner from Saint Johns or St Francois any time when you please as we have officers & a number of men here who stand ready to Engage in that Service & is not willing in any other, they are men who have been in the service with me both this war & the last & are very urgent to come under my Command & Inspection any Orders or Commands you may please to send I am willing to observe & obey to the Utmost of my Power —

[R. 5–91½] [*Deposition of Henry Parkinson.*]

Derryfield 4th March 1777

Henry Parkinson of lawful age testifies and says that about the first of January last he happened to fall in Company with Capt John Parker of Litchfield, at Mr Jones's Tavern as he was coming Home from the Army and sd Parker travelled with him in Company some Miles from sd Tavern, when we fell in Discourse about the present Dispute between Great Britain and the States, he, sd Parker spoke very discouraging about our proceedings, said we would never overcome, that Wm Stark was now Lieut Colonel under How, that there were several Officers now in this State that were enlisting men for How, and some in particular for Stark, he advised me very strongly to quit the American Service and join on the other side of the Question, did not doubt but I would get a better Commission and make more than I would in the American Service and further saith not

Henry Parkinson

George Cooper living at Robt McNeils

[*Letter. Col. Bedel to John Wells, Esq. Bedel Papers, p.* 49.]

Haverhill State of New Hampshire 8th June 1777.

Sir — I recd your favour with Genl Schylers Letter inclosed. Joseph Traversie is now at my House and has been sick ever since he arrived here, and unable to proceed to Canada. I immediately procured a person well acquainted with that Country to go with the other Two. I furnished them Provisions and every other necessary they might want for their Journey they are not as yet returned but expect them in a short time — I supplied the first Party of Frenchmen with Money to bear their Expences from here to Albany they being quite destitute Shall be glad you would forward Colo Hazens Letter as Quick as possible —

I am Sr your Obt Hble Servt

Timo Bedel —

[Superscribed] To John Welles Esqr One of the Commissioners from the Continental Congress at Albany

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[*Letter. Col. Bedel to Gen. Schuyler. Bedel Papers, p.* 50.]

Haverhill 22d June 1777.

Sir — Since my last to you Three Scouts are returned from Canada. I have a Scout of Indians out that way who I expect daily in as they have been gone about six weeks. Joseph Traversie will I believe set out next week. I shall provide hands to go with him who are friends to the United States and know that Country very well he has been Sick ever since he came here, the Indians who came in here are very Peaceable and I am satisfied there is no danger of their Joining the British Troops — I made my Report to Genl Gates who then Commanded at Albany — Your Honour being then at Philadelphia It wod be necessary that some Soldiers shod be here as it is very easy to take a Prisoner almost at any time from St John's &c — if you shod think it of any advantage to the states — I am glad to hear of your Honours appointment to the Command of the Northern Department as the Generality of People here was very uneasy when they heard of your Honours being gone to the Southward.

Genl Schuyler

[*Draft in Col. Morey's Militia Regiment. Ibid, p.* 50.]

October 3d 1777—

Pursuant to orders of the 2d Instant I have made a Draft of men viz — Frances Stevens (come forward) Moses Stevens Sence Lame David Tyller Jnr Paul Ford Andrew McCalister Isaac Gragg

John Weed Leut

Piermont 5th October 1777

To Col Israel Morey of Orford

N. B. the above Said David Tyller Jnr — Paul Ford — Andrew McCalister & Isaac Gragg Refuse to Go according to orders wherefore I beg they may be Delt with as ye Law Directs —

Col Morey John Weed Leut

[R. 5–88]

[This document is a long letter to Alexander Scammell, from Rev. Samuel Webster, dated Temple, February 11, 1777, recommending Ezekiel Goodale for a captain's commission. — Ed.]

[R. 5–89]

[Letter from Captain Ezra Towne, dated New Ipswich, February 24, 1777, to Colonel Scammell, recommending Ensign Whittemore for promotion. — Ed.]

[R. 5–90] [*Capt. Ezekiel Goodale Recommended.*]

To the Honl the Committee of Safety for the State of New-hampshire

Gentlemen, Mr Bredeen having refused entirely to engage as 2d Lieut. to which he had been appointed we would humbly submit to you the Desire of the Selectmen, Committee & Officers of the Company of this Town that Capt Ezekiel Goodale of this Town may be appointed to the above office — as we conclude that it will serve the Common Cause of defending the Country — By our desire Capt

Blood will wait upon you with this who will be able to inform of most particulars on which we Ground our Request.

Temple Febr'y 7, 1777.

John Cragin jr
Oliver Heald } Selectmen
David Spofford

David Townsend
Zachariah Emery
Sam[l] Webster } Committee
Francis Blood

Gershom Drury
Benj[a] Cragin } officers of Militia
Sam[l] Howard

[R. 5-92] [*Petition from Officers at the Forts.*]

To the Hon[ble] Councel and House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire Now Convened at Exeter for the Safety & Security of the Lives Liberties and Properties of the Inhabitants of Said State — The Memorial of Titus Salter Captain Jacob Worthen William White Lieutenents of the Company of Matrosses Raised for the Defence of fort Washington — and Eliphalet Daniels Captain — Andrew Marshall & Mendum Janverin Lieutenents of the Company at Fort Sulivan — unto your Honours humbly Shews —

That your Memorialists have not Ben Provided for with their Rations agreeable to a vote of Congress the fourth of January 1776 — That your Memorialists by that vote are upon the Same Establishment as at Head Quarters and humbly hope your Honours will Cause your Memorialists to have their Rations agreeable to said vote or an Equivolent thereto and as in Duty bound your Memorialist shall ever pray —

State of New Hampshire at Fort Washington 13th March 1777

Titus Salter
Eliphalet Daniels
Jacob Worthen
William White
Mendum Janvrin

[*Jacob Bayley to Col. Bedel. Hibbard Coll., Vol. IV. p.* 90.]

Newbury 17th March 1777 —

Sir — by some Hints yesterday I am thoughtfull that some persons from y[e] west Part of Connecticut who seem to be Coming up

and gone to Coos will try to Pass to Canada by way of Memphrymagogue if so a large Scout must be sent to Intercept them and I think a Serjeants Party should be Placed in Haverhill and another at Newbury in the most Convenient Place to Intercept and Examin all Travelers that way if you are well and traveling this way I wish you would Call or otherways I will call on you — I am yours &c

Jacob Bayley

To Col° Timothy Bedel at Haverhill

[*Col. Bayley to Col. Morey. Hibbard Coll., Vol. IV. p.* 90.]

Castleton 22nd Septr 1777. —

Sr. — Success attend us as yet, in part we have cut of their Communication — we have taken Tie. side except the old fort hope soon to have all Lake George — Taken about 500 Prisoners we want help much our Divition is only 1500 men General Lincoln's gone to Join General Gates you and all the melitia Eastward must turn out with Horses and one months Provitions which will I hope put an end to the dispute this way. Genrl Arnold fought a Battle two day ago on the Left of Genrl Gates great numbers fell on both sides he took 250 Prisoners and three field peaces and the field — Pray turn out —

Yours Jacob Bayley

[R. 5-94] [*Letter from General Sullivan.*]

To the Honourable the General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire —

May it please your Honours since my arrival in this State I find that the Soldiers Already Enlisted for the Ensuing Campaign are Detained for want of Arms Cloathing &c. I well know the necessity of their Immediately Repairing to Tyconderoga & that Genl Washington has given Express orders for their marching to that post to secure it against the attempts of the Enemy : as I know of no other way for Equiping them for their march I beg leave to Recommend to your Honours to make application to Col° Langdon for so many arms Blankets &c as will be Necessary to Equip your Troops for their march & that they be marched off as soon as possible, as Col° Langdon has now in his Hands a sufficiency of those articles which arrived

in the last French Ship I make no Doubt of his Readiness to Comply with your Honours Request Especially when he Considers that if the affair should be delayed till order Can be Received from Congress this delay might in all probability prove the loss of that Important post without answering any one Valuable purpose as Congress must eventually order those articles into the Hands of the Troops who are now Destitute — I am Fully Sensible that Congress & the Commander in Chief will approve of the measure as Essencially Necessary — I am may it please your Honours with the Highest Sentiments of Gratitude & Respect your Honours most obedient Servant — John Sullivan

Durham 20th of March 1777

[R. 5–96] [*Colonel Dame's Declination.*]

Dover Apl. 2d 1777

Sir — I received under your cover the vote of the Honble Genl Court appointing me to the Command of a Battalion in the Service of the United States. I have the most grateful sense of the High Honor & Trust such appointment shews but my state of health for many years has been such that I could by no means undergo the fatigue of a Campaign & therefore must pray to be excused which youl please to give my Duty to the Honble Council & assembly & Communicate to them from

Your most Respectful Humbel Servt

Theops Dame

To the Honble E. Thompson Esq.

[On receipt of the foregoing, Nathan Hale, of Rindge, was appointed to the position. — Ed.]

[R. 5–97] [*Order on Commissary Hunt.*]

Colo Hunt Sir — Please to Deliver three Blankets to Capt Walker in Lieu of three Blankets he Delivered me for the use of Dan. Horn Elipt Fasy & Jno Doe yo being absent when I Called for the sd Blankets. Wm Mordt Bell

Charlestown 23 Apl 1777

As I never had any Blankets in the store for the use of Colo Hale's Ridgment it is out of my power to answer the within order

Saml Hunt

[*Portsmouth. Petition Relative to Tories. Hibbard Collection, Vol. III. p.* 181.]

To the Honorable Committee of Safety for the State of New Hampshire —

The Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the Town of Portsmouth, who are Zealous in the Grand Cause now in Contest with Great Brittain — Sheweth, That your Petitioners have for a long time waited with the greatest patience the result of the Honble General Court of this State — in full expectation of their adopting some mode of proceedure against those abandon'd wretches well known by the name of Tories — who have too long infested this Town & State; but they taking the advantage of the Lenity shown them, have continued repeatedly to add Insult to Injury, 'till at length many have by the further instigation of the Devil been prompt on to Counterfeit & pass large Sums of Money, for which Enormity some have been apprehended and Committed to Goal; and it is with great anxiety your Petitioners find as Notorious a Villian as either of them (if not more so mitted to go at large with full liberty to Carry on his Business as usual, and in order to blind the Eyes of the Weak & Credulous, he has the impudence to publish a piece in vindication of his character, altho' proved one of the worst of Villains by his own Confession; adding to this his chief accomplice has been permitted to escape from his Confinement & the hands of Justice through Bribery, Corruption & the assistance of his abettors — These evils, together with the Intelligence which is given & received to & from our open & avowed Enemies at New York &c. are Grievances of the highest magnitude, which if not speedily remidied will prove more fatal to our cause than can perhaps be at present conceiv'd of, and in order to effect which Remedy — your Petitioners with due submission would observe, cannot be better accomplished than in following the example of our Sister States (South Carolina in particular) by executing all vile Traitors — on being sufficiently proved as such, and Banishing all those persons who are well known to be disaffected to our Cause by providing them with a Vessell & shipping them off, with liberty to proceed to any port in possession of the Enemy & no other. As the baseness of their Conduct latterly is such — that unless your Honors interpose in the matter, by prosecuting them with the utmost Rigour, it will be impossible to stay the hands of the well affected populace from putting the same propos'd punishment (if not worse) into Execution.

Your Petitioners not in the least doubting of the prayer of their Petition being granted, do subscribe their names hereto, as being free subjects of a free State.

Portsmouth May 5th 1777.

Josh^a Wentworth
John Marshall
Eph^m Ham
Sam. Sherburne
Robt Parker
Thomas Dalling
Joseph Seaward
Benjn Austin
Benj. Bigelow
Thomas Leigh
Jno Tuckerman
N. McIntyer
Jos. Allcock
Geo. Wentworth
Jno Jackson
George Libbey
Sam Hall
Wm Gardner
Stephen Meeds
Henry Sherburne
Nahum Ward
Epes Greenough
Robt Furness
Ric^d Langdon
James Hill
Saml Bowles
Richd Trusdal
Wm Stanwood
John Wendell
Saml Drowne
James Marden
John Marven
Paul Leighton
Nath. Pitman
James Hight
Saml Beck
William Ham
Kinman Peverly
Edmond Davis
Elisha Hill
John Raynes
Samuel Hill
William Cotton
Moses Woodward
Peter Man
Mark Nelson
John Penhallow
Supply Clapp
Joseph Bass
Jeremiah Libbey
Saml Penhallow
Wm Knight
Benj^a Mackay
Wm Blunt
Saml Tripe
Peter Shores Junr
Daniel Hart
William Brewster
D. Sherburne
Richd Mills
John Warner
Nathl Treadwell Merch^t
Jonat^n Ayers
Mark Seavey
Danl Lunt
Nehemiah Rowell
A. R. Cutter
Edward Hart
Nathl Sherburne
H. Wentworth
Benj^a Chadbourne
Nathl Folsom
James P^s King
John Furnald
Jonah Shackford
Thomas Manning
Henry Nutter
Tobias Walker
Saml Waterhous
George Dame
Hopley Yeaton
John Parrott
Danl Pierce
John Marshall Junr
Tobias Lear
John Gardner Ju^r
Edmund Roberts

[In Committee of Safety May 9. "Considered of a Petition from Portsmouth concerning Tories." Said Committee also examined evidence *vs.* Theophilus Smith and Joseph Stacey, concerning Col. Stephen Holland's escape from jail, and on the 10th issued a warrant to commit said Stacey. — Ed.]

[R. 5-99] [*Committee of Safety to Captain Giddinge.*]

State of New Hamp^{r} — In Committee of Safety May 7th 1777

To Capt Eliph^{t} Giddinge S^{r}. You are Desired to muster all the men that shall be presented to you by the Continental officers whose companies you were ordered to muster who are enlisted for eight or twelve months paying them the travel only —

M. Weare Chairman

State of New Hamp^{r} — In Committee of Safety May 19th 1777

To Capt Eliph^{t} Giddinge Sr You are Desired to muster & pay one man for Lieu^{t} David Gilman & return him to Col^{o} Baker — The mans Name is Pearson Huntriss —

Josiah Bartlett Chair^{n} pro tem

State of New Hamp^{r} — In Committee of Safety May 28th 1777

To Capt Elip^{t} Giddinge S^{r} — You are Desired to muster Daniel Bickford a Soldier in Capt Drew's Company & return his name to Col^{o} Baker —

By order of the Committee. Josiah Bartlett Ch^{r} P. T.

[R. 5-100] [*Captain Cilley's Receipt for Bread.*]

Hampton June ye 6 - 1777 — recd of Jeremiah Knowles who Being apointed By the Commeserry of this State to find Bred for my Company recd one hundred and nintey Eight pounds of Bred

Cutten Cilley Capt

[*Fragment of a Diary. Chase Papers, p.* 51.]

May 21 : 1777 arrived in Camp at Mt Independence all in good health in Number 151 went into a Good Barrak had Good provisions & Harde Duty — Nothing worth menshing till the 26 Day when a Scout come in from Split Rock [illegible] the British fleet [illegible] 27 at Nite Came in another Scout from Split Rock [illegible] som of the British fleet (viz) som Shiping and about 40 Boats or Batoes Heard the morning & evening Gun from New Comberlin Head this Caused Expresses to Be Sent to all quarters orders to Be Given 28

Day for ye Cannon all to Be mounted abattese to Be laid & all hands on the work —

Tiontraoga May 29: 1777 — at a Councel of war this Day 3085 Rank & file encluding sick Carpenters Montroses & other Arteficers: same Day a large Number of Canon Heard from the Enemy Down the Lake —

30 Day a Scout came in Broat News that ye Enemy was gon Back finding out by the Inhabetence that our meleshe was Come in Grate Numbers

31 Counter orders Sent to Stop melesha on ye Grants & elsewhere

June 1: 1777 Men began to be uneasy Being prety well fortag^d Halling logs to make & Giting Stone to Sink the Pears to make the Bridge

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[R. 5-101]

[*Samuel Barrett & Co. for Permit to Ship Commissary Stores.*]

Portsmouth June 5th 1777

S^r As Agents for the Com^y Genl We have purchas'd Twelve hogsh^ds Jaim^a Rum & twenty hogsh^ds Molls wch we intend wth the Leave of the Honble Assembly of this State, to Ship to Newbury Port, in the Sloop commanded by Capt Partridge; & beg your Honors w^d grant a permit for that Purpose.

We are wth greatest Esteem & Respect
Your most ob^t Hum^l Serv^ts

Saml Barrett & Co

The Honble Meshec Weare —

[See letter of General Schuyler, Vol. VIII. p. 581. — Ed.]

[R. 5-102]

[*Letter from Thomas Thompson, Ship Raleigh.*]

Portsmouth June 18th 1777.

Gent^n. As the Embargo is not taken off, I beg your Honours to Consider whether it will not be proper to continue it sometime longer untill the Raleigh is mann'd: if the Embargo is continued on all vessels without Distinction & none permitted to pass — I shall expect to get the Raleigh Mann'd & soon to Sea: if every vessel is

suffered to fit out and depart I do not expect to get to Sea this Summer, and it comes now to the pinch, as I shall soon have every thing but Men — were every other vessel stop'd it would have this good effect, every person concern'd in Shipping would encourage the Manning of the Raleigh, whereas they now discourage it. The Continental Agent will be present and doubt not will second my request as he knows the necessity of the Case — I earnestly desire that such a measure may be adopted, if your Honours can think it any way consistent with the public Good —

I am with great Respect, — Gent^{n}
Your most Ob^{t} Servt,
Tho: Thompson

To the Hon^{l} the Council & Assembly, State of New Hampshire —

[R. 5–103]

[This is a long manuscript of the proceedings of the Continental Congress, June 10, 1777. — Ed.]

[R. 5–104]

[*Order for the Discharge of State Prisoners.*]

State of New Hampshire } To the Keeper of the Gaol in Portsm^{o}
Rockingham ss. } in the County of Rockingham in s^{d} State

You are hereby directed to discharge William Torrey Esqr William Hart Isaac Rindge Esqr Mr Peter Pearse, Mr John Peirce & Mr James Sheafe, State Prisoners in Said Goal upon their taking and Subscribing the following Oath vizt.

I A. B. Do solemnly swear by the Great Name of the everliving God that I will to the utmost of my Power and ability disclose and make known to some officer or Majestrate acting for and under the authority of the United States or some one of them of all Plotts and Conspiracies which I know or may come to my knowledge against this State or the united States of America or any one of them as Independent of and in opposition to the King of great Britain — and that I will not directly or indirectly aid, assist advise or give intelligence to any person or persons acting under the authority of the said King of great Britain relative to his or their endeavoring to bring the United States or any one of them under the Dominion of the said King. And that I take this Oath without any mental Reser-

vation or Equivocation whatever and mean honestly & faithfully to Perform the same — So help me God. And upon their Swearing and Subscribing the above it is Recommended that they be permitted to go at Large in Peace & Quiet

In Committee of Safety Exeter July 2nd 1777

Copy —

[No mention is made of the foregoing in the records of the Committee of Safety of that day. — Ed.]

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

Receipt for the one months advanced pay in the 2 months Sarviss with B. D. G. [Brig. Gen.] Stark.

Cornish July 30th 1777.

We the Subscribers Being a Draft from the Militia of the Regt. under the Command of Colo Jonth Chase Do Acnolage we Have Recd of him four pounds ten shillings each as one months advanced pay agrabel to a Vote of the Councel & assambly of the State of New Hampshire.

Lebanon

Zalmon Aspinwall	Jeremiah Griswold	Isaiah Bliss
Joel Tilden	Jacob Colburn	Joseph Wood Junr
Asa Colburn	Walter Peck	Leml Fuller
Jabez Baldwin	Benj. Harris	Azariah Bliss Junr
Eleazer Mather Porter		

Croydon

Corpl Enoch Emerson	Nathan Woodbury	Saml Rd Hall
Joel Cooper	Edward Hall	Moses Warrin
Aaron Warrin	Sherman Cooper	

Canaan

Ezekiel Wells	Josiah Clark	Nathaniel Bartlett

Cardigan [Orange]

Joseph Basford	Elihu Corliss

Cornish

Willm Ripley	Lieut. Daniel Chase	Benjamin Commings
Samuel Hilliard	Nichols Cady	John Whitten
Samuel Fitch	Ebenezer Brewer	

Hanover

Medad Taylor
Jona. Ketcham
Ezekiel Parker
Reuben Tenney
Abel Bridgman
Robert Mason
Daniel his mark × Taber

Grafton

Russell Mason
Thomas Howard
Simeon Bullock
Nathaniel Mason

Plainfield

Lef[t] Joseph Smith
Niles Cutler
Lemel Smith
Thomas Gallup Jr.
David his mark × Williams
Isaac Corey
Stephen Cotton
Isaac Wilson
Cornelius Blunt
Hodges Cutler
Caleb Cotton
Ephraim Joy
Peter Curyer

Enfield — Elisha Bingham

Dartmouth [*Jefferson*] — Titus Woodward

Cornish Jully ye 30, 1777

then received of Col Jonathan Chase four pounds ten shillings each toward our pay in the two months [service] as witness our hands

Capt Joshua Hendee Ens. Samuel Estabrooks Solomon Chase

[R. 5-106] [*General Stark to Doctor Chase.*]

H. Quar[s] C: Town Aug[t] 3[d] 1777 —

Doc[r] Solomon Chase — Sir — You are order'd and Required to take under your care all the Sick that is, or may be sent hereafter from my Brigade of Militia to this place — And you are to Receive medicines out of the States Chest for the purpose aforesaid. What medicines you use of your own private property, you'r to keep an exact account of — you'r also from time to time desired to send me an account of the State and Condition of the Sick under your Care, & this shall be your sufficient order —

John Stark B. D. G —

To D[r] Solomon Chase Chirurgeon to Colo: Hobarts Regiment —

[R. 5–107]

[*Supplies sent to the Continental Regiments.*]

Sent by Nicholas Nicholle 400 pair Shoes 50 pair Leather Breeches 16 Shirts & 180 pair Stockens to be carried to the Army & Deliver them to Noah Emery Junr Jedidiah Jewet or Wm Bell & take receipt

Augs^t^ 6th 1777 —

Shirts	breeches	hose	Shoes	
5	12	58	134	D'd Capt Isaac Frye
5	16	42	131	Capt Ben. Kimball
6	22	80	134	C. Richd Brown
16	50	180	399	

1777 Augt 28. Rec^d^ the Contents by Mr Nichols according to the account for the use of the Soldiers Jedidiah Jewett

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[R. 5–110] [*Receipts for Clothing.*]

Augt 28, 1777 Rec^d^ of Jedediah Jewett five Shirts Twelve pair Breeches fifty Eight pair Stockens and one Hundred & Thirty four pair Shoes for which I promise to pay the Money as soon as it can be Drawn Isaac Frye Capt

1 p^r^ Breeches d^d^ Major Derbon

[R. 5–109]

Augt 28, 1777 Rec^d^ of Jedediah Jewett five Shirts sixteen pair Leather Breeches forty two p^r^ Stockens & one Hundred & thirty one pair shoes for which I promise to pay the Money as soon as it can be Drawed. Benj^a^ Kimball pay Master

Rec^d^ 1 p^r^ Breeches back

[R. 5–112] [*John Paul Jones to Committee of Safety.*]

Portsmouth August 29th 1777.

Gentlemen, As the Continental Ship of war Ranger under my command is nearly in readiness for Sea, and as I have particular

Orders from Congress, to proceed with all possible expedition — I take the liberty applying to you for authority to enlist a few men from the Forts and Garrisons of this harbour, whereby I may be enabled with the greater facility to complete my complement, and to fulfil the intentions of Congress, altho' I am persuaded that you will agree with me that no preference ought to be given where it hath not been merited by superiour abilities or superiour Services — I should have made an earlier application had I not waited the departure of the Raleigh.

I am with due Respect, Gentlemen,
Your most obedient, very humble Servant,
John Paul Jones.

The Honble The Committee of Safety for the State of New Hampshire Copy

[He was granted permission to enlist twenty men from the Matross companies. — Ed.]

[R. 5–113] [*Committee of Safety to William Gardner.*]

State of New Hampshire — In Committee of Safety Septem^r 11th 1777.

Sir The Committee lately sent to enquire into the State of the New Hampshire Troops in service, reported last night, that the Battalions in the Continental service who were at Ticonderoga are in a suffering condition, without any covering in the night time but the Canopy of Heaven, without Blankets, and almost Destitute of every kind of Cloathing, that many have died, solely for want of Cloathing to cover them from the Inclemencies of the Weather. Therefore the Committee intreat you without any delay, to send forward by the nearest and most Convenient Roads to the Northern Army near Albany, what Cloathing you have got made up for the New Hampshire Battallions, they are in the greatest Distress for shirts, which will induce you to send all you possibly can. Your Compliance (which we doubt not) will greatly serve the public cause and in particular the New Hampshire Troops.

I am sir your very Humble Ser^t
M. Weare Chairman

Mr William Gardner

[R. 5-114] [*William Gardner to Committee of Safety.*]

Portsmouth Septr 16, 1777 —

Sir — Your favor of 11th inst I duly received, I must beg your (& the Honble Committee's) pardon for not answering it in course — it was intirely owing to the hurry of Business —

I have wrote the Clothier General some time past respecting the Cloathing being forwarded to the army with all dispatch and daily expect his answer — however you may rest assured that they shall be sent on the next week ensuing, whether I hear from him or not, as the situation of our Troops realy gives me great anxiety of mind, which I heartily wish to have removed —

In the interim, I am with the greatest Respect
Your & the Honble Committees most Ob^t Servant —

Wm Gardner, Ag^t for Clothing

Honble Meshech Weare Esq

[R. 5-115]

This may Certify that Capt Wilson drew no Provision for himself or his Sabaltons, [Lieutenants] and but one pound & a quarter of Beef & one pound of Bread or flour Pr man pr Day while at Charlestown for his Comp^y

Elijah Grout, Com^y

Sep^t 15 - 1777

[*Copy Gen. Gates's Letter to Committee. Chase Papers, p.* 17.]

Camp on Bemis's Heights Sept. 17th 1777.

I have rec^d certain intelligence that Genl Burgoyne has caused Skeensborough Fort Ann Fort George Fort Edward the posts he lately occupied to the Southward of Lake George & Skeensborough to be evacuated and the artillery stores & provisions to be brought to his army now at Van Virters Mills seven miles North of this Camp except some heavy Cannon which are carried to the five mile Island in Lake George — from this it is evident the Genl designs to resque all uppon one rash stroke it is therefore the indispensible duty of all concern^d to exert themselves in reinforcing this army without one moments delay — the militia from every part should be ordered here with all possible expedition — I am S^r your obedient Humble Servt

Horatio Gates

To the Honorable the Chairman of the Committee of Bennington to be forwarded to the Committees at the Eastward thereof —

We have Rec[d] a letter from Gen[l] Stark directed to the commanding officer of the New Hampshire Militia on their march to Bennington earnestly desiring them to forward his troops & by which it appears that a reinforcement from this state is expected hoping that every lover of his Country at this crisis will exert himself —

We remain Gentlemen your Friend & very humble serv[ts]

James Farnsworth } Committee of
Seth Walker } Charlestown

To the chairman of the Committee of Safety in Cornish

[R. 5–116] [*Petition from State Prisoners.*]

State of New Hampshire — To the hon[ble] the Council & House of Representatives for the state aforesaid —

The petition of the subscribers humbly sheweth — That they have been confined in the public goal in Exeter for upwards of four Months, & their characters have greatly suffered, from the inhuman tongues of malicious persons, who delight in the Misfortunes & miseries of their fellow Men, and think they engraciate themselves into the Favor of Government, & also cover their own crimes by falsely & wickedly exclaiming against others, maliciously augmenting every Failure of human Nature into crimes most horrible & astonishing, slightly passing over or rather wholly neglecting every thing which Justice demands should be produced in their Favors, & in reality are laudable & praise worthy, taking unreasonably the advantage of all times, places & dispositions of people to do them hurt, & relate every thing with airs of Horror & consequence which if they were properly weighed with the Circumstances which then attended would turn out less than Nothing. having by such evidences our characters entirely ruined, (as by our treatment appears) and as we are fully assured that under such Circumstances we can neither be serviceable to the state we live in, nor to ourselves, & having it wholly out of our power (being confined) to retrieve our Characters by any good actions, or to prove by future good Conduct & other evidences our Innocency, & that we have undeservedly suffered the pains of imprisonment, (tho' very severe) yet but trifling when compared with the loss of our Characters) under such very unhappy Circumstances, and despairing of any Relief in any way but by transportation, we earnestly pray that we may forthwith be convey'd to some other part of the Earth, & thereby rid this state of any

further Fears & apprehensions from us, as internal enemies & us from the pains of imprisonment, we earnestly pray that we may forthwith know the place of our Destination, the time of our Departure & the terms upon which we are to depart, all which are humbly submitted & your humble petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray —

Exeter Goal Septr 17th 1777 —

Jon^{a} Gove	Robert Fulton Junr
John Molony	Philip Carigain

[*Proceedings at a Committee Meeting. Chase Papers, p.* 17.]

Lebanon Sep^{t} 21 : 1777.

At a meeting of the Comitte of Safty of several towns on Connecticut River, (viz) Cornish, Lebanon, Plainfield, Hanover, &c. The following Votes were passed, (viz) that Deacon Estabrook be moderator of s^{d} Meeting — That John Wheatley be Clark. —

Voted that the Several Committes use their utmost influence to incurage as many abel Bodied men, as can Possibly be spared, to march forthwith to Reinforce General Gates's army in this important Crisis —

Voted that whatever number of men shall turn out for the purpose aforesaid from the towns in Colonel Chases Regiment shall have the Liberty to Chuse proper Officers to their Company or Companies from amongst themselves —

Voted that all that shall engage as aforesaid shall repair to Coll^{n} Chases by next Wendays night —

Voted that Lieu^{t} Coln Elisha Paine take the Command of the party belonging to Col^{n} Chases Regiment that shall engage as aforesaid —

Voted, that said Meeting Be dissolved —

[Elisha Payne declined, September 22, to take the command, on account of sickness in his family. Chase Papers, p. 18. — Ed.]

[*Col. Morey to Gen. Jonathan Chase. From the Chase Papers, p. 16, N. H. Historical Society.*]

Cornish Octr 1, 1777 —

Sir — This is to inform you that I have collected what men I could out of my Regiment (in so short a time) I marched them as far as this place hoping to find you at home — but as you was gone forward & as I have rec^{d} new orders from the Court of this state thro' the Hands of Brigadeer Genl Whipple to exert myself to the utmost & send all the Militia that can possibly turn out, I concluded to turn back & raise another Company & send forward as soon as possible — Capt Chandler commands the men which I have sent forward — I have directed him to put himself under your Command — my Adjutant Simeon Goodwin is gone forward & will serve if needed & he is a Man that may be relied on for his punctuality & fidelity — Genl Bayley will show you what further I have wrote respecting the men and soforth — I send my son Israel with the Men he is to wait on Capt Hayward when he comes — Israel Morey

To Col Jon^{a} Chase

[R. 5–117] [*Certificate of Service. Col. Chase's Regiment.*]

H. Q. Saratoga Octr 18th 1777 —

These may Certify that Col^{o} Chase with a Regiment of Volunteers have faithfully serv'd until this date in the Northern Army, and are now Discharged with Honor. —

By order of General Gates

Jacob Bayley Brig^{r} Genl

[*Orders. General Gates to Colonel Bedel. Bedel Papers, N. H. Historical Society, p.* 52.]

Albany November 15th 1777 —

Sir — I am desirous you should without delay engage a Regiment of Volunteers, consisting of five hundred Men, Officers included, to be commanded by yourself, as Colonell, M^{r} [John] Wheelock as Lieu^{t} Colonel, and the Bearer Captain Whitcomb as Major —

While the Men are Collecting I recommend you in the strongest manner to prepare with the greatest secrecy, every thing necessary

for your enterprize; such as Provisions, Ammunition, Combustibles properly fixed, Snow Shoes &c, with the ordering of all which you from your knowledge of the Climate, Country and other Circumstances, are much better acquainted with, than I am, myself, I therefore give you a discretionary power in these matters. — If upon your near approach to Saint John's, you find you can surprize the Fort, I think that the best to be done, for should it fall into your Hands, I conclude the Vessells and Crews, are our own, without fighting. —

Success being thus far obtained I desire the Fort, the Ships, and every article that can be Burnt, be instantly laid in Ashes; and that you, with your Command, and the Prisoners who shall have fallen into your Hands, retire with all Expedition to Co'os —

I wish you would take with you to Saint Johns, such Indians only, whose Fidelity can be depended upon; for the least Treachery, when you are on the Point of executing your Project, oversets and ruins all your Hopes. You are therefore to be equally cautious not to take British Deserters, or old Country People; who have no Establishment and Family in your Neighborhood, and have not given proof of fidelity and of their being Staunch Whiggs. — In your preparation for this enterprize, I recommend it to you to give out, that you are going to join the Army, intended to take New York this Winter; and that you are to be at the general Rendezvous at Albany on the 1st of February. — You will, if possible, march off on the first day of that month, about noon; take the direct Road, but, at Day break, on the next Day, turn short about to Saint Johns. You may then pretend that a large Scout of the Enemy has been discovered coming up the Lake, and that you mean to intercept them. —

If upon the Return of the Scouts from Canada you are informed that Sir Guy Carleton has so strongly Garrisoned and Fortified Saint Johns, that it would be fruitless to make an attempt to surprize the Fort, you will lay that Scheme aside, and think of no more than burning the vessels — As soon as you return to Co'os, or as much sooner as it can be safely performed, you will Dispatch an Express, directed to me at York Town in Pennsylvania, with a particular Account of your success. I intreat you to observe the most inviolable secrecy, suffering only Lieut Colo: Wheelock, and Major Whitcomb, to be acquainted with the real Design. I have no Money here at present, but you may rest assured all your Engagements and Expences shall punctually be paid; and you may at a proper time, declare to all your Men from me, that those who shall distinguish themselves on this bold enterprize, shall be amply rewarded for their service —

The Men should be inlisted for no longer term, than the last Day in March; and to be then discharged, receiving four pounds a Man

pr Month, and the officers in proportion — Sincerely wishing you Success and Honour, I am Dear Colonel

Your Affectionate Humble Servant

Colo: Bedel (Copy) Horatio Gates

[In a memorandum on the document Colonel Bedel says: "10th Novr 1777 — Received a Commission from Henry Laurens Esqr, President of Congress, which Commission was to continue in force according to the usual Form." — Ed.]

[*Col. Bedel to Gen. Gates. Bedel Papers, p.* 53.]

Haverhill 29th Novr 1777.

Sir — According to your Orders I have Dispatched Three Parties into Canada I was up Connecticut River about 50 Miles a few days ago and found Two Indians who informed me they were in great confusion in Canada and that the British Troops were making a Tryal to remove but the weather came on too severe upon them caused great Confusion — I should be glad to know what number of Snow Shoes I must procure and the time to have them in readiness — I have sent by each of the three Parties 15 £ in Specie for their support whilst there Lewis and Vincent are gone for Caughnawaga, they will visit St John's, Chamballe by the Rout I proposed to go to Saint Johns, they are very desirous to have everything prepared against their return for a March being Zealous to push forward. — You will receive this by Major John Wheelock Son of the Revd Dr Wheelock President of Dartmo College who is very desirous of going with me shod be glad to have him if your Honour thinks proper — I have discoursed with Genl Bayley upon the subject of going to St Johns who thinks it highly necessary and that it be done speedily all orders sent shall be punctually obeyed without the least loss of Time by, Sir Your Honours mt Obt Hble Servt

Major Genl Gates [Copy contains no signature.]

[*Copy. Bedel to Schuyler and Gates. Ibid.*]

Haverhill 30th Novr 1777 —

Copy to Schuyler & Gates.

Gentlemen — According to your orders I proceeded immediately on the business you empowered me to Transact with ye Indians and

have brou^{t} a number of Families down near me who are ready to assist when called upon. I have sent part of them into Canada to gain what Intelligence they can, as also to find out the Disposition of the Inhabitants — I shall have about thirty here this Winter, and shall acquaint your Honours with every particular I may be informed of during the Course of the Winter as I shall Endeavor to make all the Discoveries in my Power that may tend to the advantage of the States — I should be glad to have Three or Four Belts if any to be had for the Indians, also to know if any Cloathing could be had for them, if there sho^{d} be any at Springfield I co^{d} get them here by an order for them, sho^{d} be glad to know by the return of the bearer Mr John Wheelock — all orders at any time will be cheerfully obeyed without the loss of time — The Indians are very well Satisfied with their treatment — I am Gentlemen

Your m^{t} ob^{t} Hble Servt

Major Genl Schuyler &c

[*College Company. Return of Men in Service. Chase Papers, p. 72.*]

In Capt Hendee Company a Return of men Inlisted in New Hampshire State Sarves

Jotham Starns : in Capt House Company formerly Inlisted

William Winton } in Capt House Company Inlisted or Hired By
Thomas Clark } s^{d} Capt Hendee Company During the War

Maj John Wheelock	Capt Comfort Sever	In York Light Infantry Sarves under Maj^{r} Wheelock
Capt Abel Curtis	Lef^{t} Eleazer Wheelock	
Aaron Storrs	Isaac Osborn	
Peter Ingan	John Ingan	
Wm Broton	Elijah Hamon	
Benjamin Chase	John Severs man	
Lef^{t} John Pane	Jonth Gillet	In Col^{o} Warners Regiment
Thomas Abner	Benjamin Latherbe	

John Balden Inlisted with Capt Farwell

The above is a true Return

pr Joshua Hendee Capt

MAJOR-GENERAL JOHN SULLIVAN.

[*Charges against him; Proceedings of a Court of Inquiry, including Testimony; Letters and Certificates approving his Conduct in the Staten Island Expedition, and the Battle on the Brandywine,* 1777.]

[The following papers are important as completely refuting the charges made against General Sullivan, by Major Taylor, of maladministration in the Staten Island expedition; and the charges made by Mr. Burk, of North Carolina, of bad conduct in the battle on the Brandywine, and of general incompetency. The documents are also important as giving detailed accounts of those events, not heretofore published.

General Sullivan's letter, transmitting these documents to the Hon. John Langdon, then Speaker of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, is printed in Vol. VIII. pp. 743–745. — Ed.]

[*Major John Taylor's Complaint. Revolutionary War Rolls. Adjutant-General's Office. Vol. XI. p.* 137.]

Hanover Augt 24th 1777.

Dear Col^{o} I am this moment returned from an Expedition to Staten Island, the Issue of which has been rather unfortunate. On thursday last we marched from Hanover, at 4 OClock P. M. & continued our march, with little, or no Intermission to Halsteads Point, where we arrived at 3 OClock, in the morning, having marched 22 miles, we immediately began to cross the Sound, but there being only 5 Boats, we did not all get over, 'till neer Sun rise; Col^{o} Ogden had crossed at the old Blazing Starr, with about 500 men the same morning, whose men, & the separated Brigades of our Division attacked three different parts of the Enemy, before six. Each attack proved successfull. Col^{o} Ogden, who had got over by day break, compleatly surprized the Enemy, killed a few, & made One Hundred Prisoners. De Bores [Brig. Gen. De Borre] Brigade, which Sullivan Commanded in Person, killed about 5, & made near 30 Prisoners. General Smallwood had very little fortune in getting Prisoners, the Enemy having got Intelligence of his coming early enough to scramble off. —

Thus matters stood, at 9 when our two Brigades joined again, and marched off to the Old Blazing Starr, to recross, where Ogden, & his party had crossed, and returned. The main body of the Enemy

were then discovered to be lurking on our flanks, but evidently with no intention of coming to action. We marched on to the Old Blazing Starr, & began to Cross, but before we had got all our men over, the Enemy came up, & attacked our Rear of about 150 who were on that side. Our people behaved bravely, several times drove the Enemy from the Charge, but all their Ammunition being gone, they dispersed; some swam the River and the rest were taken. We lost but very few men, except the Prisoners, but the Enemy must have had at least 100 killed and wounded, among the Prisoners, were Col° Antill, Major Woodson, Major Stewart, Major Tilliard, & Matt Duffey, — Capt Heron, Lt Campbell, Lt Anderson, & Ensign Lee, were not mentioned in a flag which they sent out, proposing an Exchange from thence I conjecture they are killed. Col° Antill was not with the list of those who wished to be Exchanged, and the officers said he did not chuse to return. — The Misfortunes which attended this Expedition, were numerous & ruinous. I will if possible enumerate them. It was unfortunate, that the march of near 30 miles, before we began to attack should fatigue our Men. It was unfortunate, that instead of returning by the way we crossed, which was short; we should march 10 miles further to the Starr, which made the number of miles from our Camp, with our maneaveurs on the Island at least 40: It was very unfortunate that we continued to march without halting, by which means we had a Rear of 6 miles. It was unfortunate that we observed no Order in our retreat. That every Soldier should be allowed to Plunder, & get straggled all over the Island. It was unfortunate, that we did not attack the main body of the Enemy, who evidently acknowledged our superiority by avoiding us, and as Evidently discovered their intention of attacking our Rear, by hovering on our Flanks. It was very unfortunate that only about 30 Light Infantry of our Regiment composed the Rear by which means, all the Officers of Herons Company were lost, and the rest knowing their situation, and having no Waggons, could not bring off the sick, it was unfortunate, that Orders were sent to the upper Ferrys to have the boats brought down, by two private Soldiers, which coming through an improper Channel was consequently disobeyed; It was very unfortunate that no Officers were appointed to superintend the Embarkation, and Disembarkation, of our Troops in the 4 boats, which Ogden had, by which means as much time was lost in the delay on the other side, as would have secured a safe Passage; for that which was every man's business was attended to by no one. It was unfortunate, that many Plundered Horses were brought over, which produced much delay. It was very unfortunate we had no Cannon & that we marched down

into the Marsh opposite the Enemy, where two of our Men had their brains knocked out, with their Field Pieces. It was very unfortunate that we had nothing to Eat for near 43 hours, and were marching for most of that time, which did such Injury to the Troops, that at one time yesterday DeBores Brigade could not Muster above 40 Men: My arithemetick will not serve for the whole enumeration, I will therefore halt here. By the Enemies Return they have 130 Prisoners of ours; but you may be assured, we shall not get off under 200, several Field Officers & Commanders fell into our Hands, and the General talks of an Exchange — Figure to yourself, the situation we are in; Then hear that we are to march, in two, or three days to the Southward, and wish but do not hope to see many of us come forward — I wish my Dear Col° you could join us, your presence is absolutely necessary to reclaim that order which we have been gradually loosing ever since you left us. I am so much fatigued, that I am wholly unable to write to Mr Penn, I should therefore be obliged to you to show this Letter, and tell him further, that if Congress do not make an Enquiry into this affair, they will not do their Duty to their Constituents —

I am Dear Col° Your most Hble Servt

To Col° Hazen John Taylor

[Taylor was a major in Col. Moses Hazen's regiment. September 1, 1777, Congress directed General Washington to appoint a "court of enquiry on the late expedition by general Sullivan against the British forces on Staten-Island." September 14, Congress "Resolved, That general Sullivan be recalled from the army until the enquiry heretofore ordered into his conduct be duly made." September 16, in consequence of a remonstrance from General Washington, Congress voted "That the execution of the resolution of Congress for the recall of general Sullivan from the army in the present critical situation of affairs, be left to the discretion of general Washington until further orders." On the same day a motion to submit to General Washington "whether it would not be advisable to place the Maryland and Delaware troops under the command of some other major general, it being at the request of the delegates of those states," was negatived by a vote of nineteen to four. Washington's letter, and this action of Congress, show their confidence in Sullivan's usefulness, and desire to retain his services. — Ed.]

[Extract from General Washington's letter to Congress, dated "Buck Tavern Sept. 15, 1777, three o'clock P. M. . . . Whether the

charges alleged against general Sullivan are true or false, or whether his conduct has been exceptionable or not, I am satisfied the resolution for his recall at this time was unhappily adopted, and, if carried into execution, will not fail to add new difficulties to our present distresses; and I am obliged to observe, in justice to my own character, that I cannot be answerable for the consequences that may arise from a want of officers to assist me."]

[Ibid p. 138.]

[*General Sullivan's Letter to the President of Congress.*]

Camp at Perkcoming Octr 6th 1777

Dear Sir: — Since writing the Letter which accompanies this, have had no opportunity of forwarding my Papers to Congress: I beg leave to trouble Congress, with some remarks, upon the severe, & I think very unjust censure cast upon me respecting the Intelligence sent by me to Genl Washington, the day of the Battle on Brandywine. I wish only to acquaint Congress with the facts; It was ever my opinion that the Enemy would come round on our right flank, this opinion I often gave the General. I wrote him that morning that it was clearly my opinion; I sent him two Messages to the same purpose in the forenoon, & the first Intelligence I received that they were actually coming that way, I instantly communicated to him; after which the General sent me word to cross the Brandywine with my Division, & attack the Enemy's left, while the Army crossed below me, to attack their right, this I was preparing to do, when Major Spear came to me & informed that he was from the upper Country, that he had come in the road where the Enemy must have passed to attack our right, and that there was not the least Appearance of them in that quarter; and added, that General Washington had sent him out for the purpose of discovering whether the Enemy were in that quarter: The account was confirmed by a Serg^{t} Tucker of the light Horse, sent by me on purpose to make discoveries, & had passed, as he said, to the Lancaster Road; This Intelligence did by no means alter my opinion, which was founded not upon any knowledge I had of the facts, but upon an Apprehension that Genl Howe would take the advantage which any good officer, in his situation, would have done. I considered however that if my opinion, or the Intelligence I had sent the General, had brought him into a plan of attacking the Enemy on the advantageous Heights they were possessed of, & a defeat thence follow,

that I should be justly censured for withholding from him part of the Intelligence I had received, and thereby brought on the defeat of our Army: I therefore set down and wrote Major Spear's account from his own mouth, and forwarded it to his Excellency by a Light Horseman, and ordered the Major to follow himself; I never made a comment, or gave my opinion upon the matter. Col° Harrison Member from Virginia, is possessed of a Copy of the Letter, as the Gen^ls Aid de Camp informs me. I beg Congress to see it, and then judge whether I could have been excused for withholding that Intelligence, merely because my opinion did not coincide with the declaration. Had the General crossed over, left his own advantageous post, (when I considered to oppose an Enemy in front,) and found the whole British Army well posted on his front, & his Army put to the rout, having a River unfordable in rear, except in one or two places, and most of his Troops pushed into it, which must inevitably have been the case, if he was defeated; I say if this had all happen'd, which was at least possible, and he had afterward found out that I had rec^d and withheld the Intelligence which might have prevented the Misfortune, & demanded my reasons, I believe I never should have been able to give *one* which would be satisfactory to him, to Congress, or the World. I know it to be part of my duty to give him every Intelligence I receive without withholding any part of it, because it does not coincide with my own opinion. And I as well know it is exceeding hard to be censured for doing my duty, which has been too much the case with me since I have been in the army. I must beg leave to make an observation upon the latter part of Col° Price's Testimony respecting the Staten Island Expedition; he gave it as his opinion, that one Brigade should have recrossed where we crossed in the Morning. — When it is known that Genl Smallwood had retreated two miles & a half from the Fork of the Road that leads there, in order to form a Junction with me; that part of the Enemy kept even with him all the way; & the residue followed in his rear; that they were between him, and the ferry, and on his flank, had he been sent back. It requires no great share of Military Knowledge to see the Madness of separating my force, & sending one part to be first sacrificed, that the other might afterwards be cut to pieces with the greater ease. I must add to this, that a Tender lay near that place, which in ten minutes might have been compleatly possessed of the place we had crossed at, & have prevented all possibility of passing: What must have been the fate of this Brigade, if I had ordered them over in that place, and marched the other off at the distance of eight Miles, may easily be conceived. I have ever conceived it dangerous, when it remains doubtful, whether the whole force, under an

officer's Command, is capable to combat with and vanquish the Enemy, to divide his force, and send them by different Routs, & put it in the power of the Enemy to follow either party with an assurance of their own Superiority of Numbers, & the certainty of the Inferiority of the party they wish to destroy. — I have been thus particular because I know some of my officers have censur'd my conduct because I did not adopt the plan mentioned by Col° Price — I hope Congress will excuse the length of my Letter, as they will not, in future, be troubled with many Letters from

Your most Obed^t Servt

John Sullivan

His Excellency John Hancock Esq're

[Ibid p. 139.] [*Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry.*]

At a court of Enquiry held by Order of his Excellency General Washington, to Examine into The Conduct of Major General Sullivan, in the Expedition Commanded by him to Staten Island, in the month of August last, held in Camp at the House of Christian Stouffer, in the County of Philadelphia, the fourth day of August 1777 — [This date is evidently wrong.]

Present, Major Genl Lord Sterling — President
Brigadier Generals, { McDougal, Knox } Colonels, { Spencer, Clark }

Ordered that the General Order for the Holding this Court be Entered on the minutes of this Court, and is as follows.

A Court of enquiry Consisting of four members, and Major General Lord Sterling president, to set at 12 o'clock to day at the Presidents Quarters, & examine into the Conduct of Major Genl Sullivan, in the Expedition commanded by him to Staten Island, in the month of August last. Major Taylor, & others, who can give Information of this matter, are to attend ; But if the Court see cause to postpone the examination for want of Evidence, (after hearing what Major Taylor has to urge upon that head) they are to do it accordingly. —

Head Quarters Octo^r 10th 1777

Members
Major Genl Ld Sterling — President
Genl McDougal, Genl Knox
Col° Spencer — Col° Clark
} Tim : Pickering A. G.

Ordered that Gen[l] Sullivan, and Major Taylor be notified, that Court is sitting, and that their attendance is requested. — At half past one P. M. Gen[l] Sullivan attended, haveing been detained by the funeral of Major White — Major Taylor appears at the Court, about half past 3 O'Clock P. M. and asserting that his evidences were not ready the Court adjourned 'till to-morrow morning 8 O'Clock to meet at the same Place. —

October 11th 1777 — The Court met according to adjournment, present as before. Major Taylor delivers to the Court a written Narrative of the Expedition to Staten Island which is in the following words, in the Papers Marked A * —

Major Taylor being asked, whether he knew any other Person who can Corroborate the fact mentioned in his Narrative, Said Col[o] Hall, the Elder, Col[o] Stone L[t] Col[o] Smith, Major Forrest, all of whom are absent from the Camp & Major Read Captain Chambers, who are in Camp.

General Sullivan said, that in order to expedite the Business, and prevent delay, he admit that if the Gent[n] mentioned now to be absent were all present, would each of them deliver in a paper similar to the one delivered in by Major Taylor. —

Cap[t] Chambers attending was called upon, & gave the Testimony Contained in the Paper marked B.

Major Reed attending was called upon & gave the Testimony Contained in the Paper marked C.

General Sullivan then began his account of the Expedition, in course of which, he produced the written Testimony of the following Persons viz[t]

Major Sherburns —	D.	General Smallwoods marked	E
M[r] Armstrongs —	F.	Major Morris —	G
Major Eustace —	H.	Col[o] Price's —	I
Major Adams —	K.	Major Vaughan —	L
Major Sterrett —	M.		

He also produced Col[o] Ogden who declared, that he had the afternoon before by General Sullivan been made acquainted with the Plan of the Expedition, and that he had approved of it, that it is opinion, that the Enemy had it in their Power whenever our Troops, should attempt to retreat, to fall on our Rear, as there was not boats sufficient to take off the Troops, but at several trips. Col[o] Ramsey also appeared, his account in general was very similar to the Papers, D. E. F. & G. but adds that the Confusion at the Church, mentioned by

[* The papers designated by letters will follow the proceedings of the Court in regular order. — Ed.]

Cap[t] Chambers was nothing but the men getting a Drink of Water, by Gen[l] Smallwood's leave, & that Major Woodson was appointed to, & did superintend the Reimbarkation of the Troops, in the retreat, & that he being in the second Regiment of the first Brigade, which passed, & saw Major Woodson active in the *Service* — Major Morris, & Docr Armstrong being further examined Declare —That no Horses belonging to Gen[l] Sullivan, or any of his family [his staff] was carried over to Staten Island, and therefore that it became necessary to get Horses on the Island, to mount the General & his Aid de Camps, which was accordingly done, but those Horses were left on the Island. Gen[l] Sullivan having ordered, that not any Horses should be brought from the Island, untill all the men were sent off. That this order was obey'd in every Instance in Gen[l] Sullivan's family, excepting one, which was a Horse of Major Eustace, sent off by mistake of the officer Conducting the Embarkation. They likewise declare, that immediately after their Return from Staten Island, Gen[l] Sullivan took every measure necessary to furnish his Troops with provision, & to refresh them, and for this purpose ordered the whole of his Troops to assemble at Elizabeth Town, that Gen[l] Smallwood with his Brigade did actually go to Elizabeth Town, and was there furnished with Provisions, but that General Borre contrary to his positive Orders, did march off towards Chatham, on hearing of which, Gen[l] Sullivan expressed his displeasure, and immediately sent orders to Gen[l] De Borre to halt his Troops at Springfield, where plenty of Provisions were provided for him, that Gen[l] De Borre, instead of obeying his Orders, sent word back, that his Troops were on their March, and that they should go to Chatham, and that this was the Reason why the march of that Brigade was so greatly prolonged before they were refreshed.

The Court adjourned 'till to-morrow morning 9 O'Clock.

October 12th 1777. — The Court met according to adjournment, & proceeded to examine the written Evidence, in support of the Charge, and in exculpation of Gen[l] Sullivan, and in comparing them together, and after having spent some hours therein, came to the following opinion which is the Paper N signed by the members —

Sterling
Alex[r] M[c]Dougall
Henry Knox
Oliver Spencer
T. Clarke

[In Congress, September 13, 1777, General Washington was directed to order a court of enquiry to examine into the conduct of

General De Borre, who was in the meanwhile to be under arrest. He immediately resigned, and his resignation was accepted. — ED.]

[*Ibid.* p. 140.]

[*Major Taylor's Statement. Document Marked A.*]

Major Taylor — (1) that about sunset at Hanover, the day before General Sullivans Division marched of for Staten Island, orders were given them to draw three days provision of salt meat if to be had, and parade with their blankets and provision cooked at twelve OClock the next day; the provisions could not be obtained untill the next day, & then fresh only were issued. (2) the troops marched of about three OClock down to Halsteads point, halting about fifteen minutes at Chatham and about half an hour near the point. (3) General De Borres Brigade had got over before sunrise and were marched off to attack Col° Barton (?) about this time there was a firing heard, supposed to be Col° Ogden. General De Borres Brigade attacked Col° Barton between 8 and 9, instantly dispersed his party, and pursued him down to the new Blazing Star, from which place General Sullivan sent two Soldiers in a Canoe, with a broken paddle, to the place where his Division had crossed with orders for the Boats and Waggons to proceed down to the old Blazing Star. (4) Near this place an aider, Mr Armstrong came to General Sullivan and informed him, that the enemy were endeavouring to surround the other Brigade near the cross roads, whither we were instantly ordered, and told by General Sullivan that we should have something to do when the two Brigades met at the cross roads they were ordered towards the old Star, whither they marched in the utmost confusion, de Borres Brigade stopping only half an hour at Cuckolds Town, and marching again before the rear guard came up, which consisted of about 30 or 40 light Infantry of Col° Hazens Reg^t an anxiety for whose safety caused Major Taylor to apply to the General several times — (5) Much time was lost in returning from the Island, in consequence of no Officers being appointed to superintend the Embarkation & disembarkation of the Troops early enough, as much supposing the enemy to have appeared when they did as would have brought of the whole of the Men. (6) the men were scattered exceedingly for the purpose of plundering, to prevent which no orders were given in hearing of Major Taylor — (7) when the enemy appeared on the Island the troops on this side were marched down in the Marsh, when two men were killed with the enemys Cannon. (8) the troops marched on about eight miles after they crossed where they remained

till sunrise, when DeBorres Brigade marched up to Chatham, in this round which consisted of about 60 or 70 miles the troops had no opportunity of refreshing them selves, except one, and even at Chatham no provision was made for them — (9) Major Taylor is of opinion that the march of twenty seven miles — 22 with blankets and three days provisions precedent to an action is too much that making such an attack without carrying matters to extremity by which means a long and dangerous retreat became necessary was ill advised. — That if Colonel Ogdens firing commenced at sunrise, it was impossible for General Sullivan, who was twelve miles off, and had an action to go through, to support him, that the way the Division came on the Island was most advisable to retreat by, because it was short, because a gut ran through the Marsh, which was crossed over a Boat by way of Bridge, which taken away would have prevented pursuit, & because the straggling men were likely to go that way.

John Taylor

[Endorsed "Major Taylors Evidence A. N° 4"]

[*Ibid.* p. 141.] *Cap*tn *Chamber's Evidence B. N*° 5.

October 11th 1777

Captain Benjamin Chambers of Colonel Hazen's Regiment, says that the Brigade to which he belonged, marched from Hanover, in New Jersey about 3 P. M. the twenty first of August last, to Chatham, and halted there half an hour, from thence they marched within one mile of Elizabeth Town, leaving it on the left hand, there halted half an hour, where they found General Smallwoods Brigade resting, from this they marched in the rear of General Smallwoods Brigade to Halstead's point, and halted a little distance from it, as that Brigade was Crossing the sound to Staten Island; soon after the Brigade to which he belonged Crossed also, leaving their packs behind, but before they Crossed two Companies of light Infantry belonging to this Brigade were ordered out with a guide under him Captain Chambers, to take General Skinner, at his Quarters, when he got on the Island, he was informed by one of Inhabitants, that General Skinner had shifted his Quarters, upon this intelligence he was ordered to march with the said Companies of light Infantry as an advanced guard to General Smallwoods Brigade, till they arrived to the Dutch Church at the Mills where a British Regiment of Foot and some new levies were posted, upon the advanced guard coming

within 150 yards of the enemy they retired over a Bridge, and were pursued by the advanced guard 150 yards beyond it, the Brigade halted at the Bridge, immediately after he was ordered by General Smallwood to return to the Brigade, when the General ordered a Reg^t to watch the motion of the enemy at the Bridge, the rest of the Brigade retired in a disorderly manner to the Church, where they scattered to collect Clothes & Water out of the neighbouring Houses, about one hundred yards distance. after a quarter of an hours rest & near the Church, he understood that General Smallwoods Brigade had retired on the same road they advanced, when he came near the forks of the road leading to the New Blazing Star, he heard some arms discharged in the rear, which induced him to halt his men, soon after General Sullivan came to him on the Road from the New Blazing Star, and asked him what was the firing in the rear, he answered he thought it to be some of our own men who were Drunk, upon which General Sullivan ordered him to halt there, to let the straglers pass by, and bring them up to the rear guard, which he accordingly did for an Hour, in this time a considerable number of officers and men came on and passed by him when he brought the straglers to the rear Guards, he retired to join his Regiment which was just embarking when he came to the Old Blazing Star Ferry, he and his company's followed in the next Boat — when he got on the Jersey side General Sullivan asked him if he had seen anything of the enemy, he replied in the negative, the General then asked him whether he had brought on all the straglers as he ordered him, he answered he had, all those who were able to walk, and Waggons were sent for the lame.

Benj Chambers

[*Ibid.* p. 142.] *Major Reed's Testimony. C. N°* 6.

Camp 11th October 1777

Previous to our setting out on the expedition, I myself was Indisposed having the Ague and Fever upon me, and lay in a house adjacent to the Camp so that I know nothing of the orders given or preparations made for the expedition we marched I think between three & four O Clock P. M. and proceeded to a small village the name of which I do not recollect, neither can I ascertain the distance. We halted there and our people grounded their arms, when they received orders to march in fifteen minutes. I took the minutes from my watch, but observed it was thirty Minutes when they lifted their

arms, we then proceeded to a place near Elizabeth Town where we halted longer, our provision was ordered to be left there, when we marched down to the sound and began to throw over the troops, which was not accomplished 'till near sun rising. General Smallwoods Brigade was in Front and marched towards the uper end of the Island. General Sullivan with General De Borre's Brigade marched a different rout, when we had proceeded about a mile we heard Colonel Ogden at work towards the lower end of the Island, a few minutes after we saw some Hessians [in] the wood through which we marched, and one of General Sullivans Aids told one of my people to go and catch one for the General, he went and caught one, we had not gone far before the Generals Aids had procured Horses for themselves, however we soon discovered some of Colonel Bartons People and I being in front the General ordered me to pursue, which I did untill I came within sight of their main Body where I waited for our People; when they came forward we advanced and the enemy thought proper to retreat in a very disorderly manner so that our people pursued them in several directions, when I came opposite to where they were drawn up, I found a Horse Saddled which I mounted, but being much fatigued, and knowing the enemy to be much inferior in numbers, I followed no further but went to the House where they rendevouzed to take an Inventory of their Stores, which when I had done I joined the Brigade, they were then returning from their pursuit, and a great many of the Soldiers had Horses and plunder of different kinds, we then set out the same road we had come, and in a short time met General Smallwoods Brigade, which turned about and the Division marched to the road that lead from the uper end of the Island to the lower Blazing Star Ferry where contrary to my expectations they turned down, I then enquired of the Inhabitants how far it was to the Blazing Star they told me 9 miles. I observing General De Borre to be much fatigued, offered him the Horse I had, which he accepted. I had not marched far before I percieved my strength fail, so that I was obliged to fall towards the rear where I saw our people in a scattered disorderly and dangerous situation, I made up of every effort then in my power to curb the licentiousness, and stop the greedy grasp of our Soldiery, but found they had such a propensity to plunder that my exertions were ineffectual, however I proceeded to a small Village called Cuckolds Town, when I came there the troops were gone. I myself with a few others stayed there about fifteen minutes, when I heard Capt. Heron of the Regiment to which I belong was killed or made prisoner in our rear; Capt Oldham and myself got horses and went back, we had not gone far before we met Capt Chambers with the light Company of our Regi-

ment. I asked him if there were any of our people behind, he said there were, we went on but soon discovered a party in a woods about a quarter of a mile from the road whom we took to be the enemy attempting to hang on our rear, I called back our light Company to skirmish with them till our straggling rear should get out of the way, but finding them to be our own people sent them forward telling them their danger, we then went back about a mile and a half where we met some soldiers who said they were so overcome with hunger and fatigue, that they could go no further, but we perswaided them to rise and hurried them on till we came within sight of Cuckolds Town when we left them and followed our Army, our People were then scattered from that place to the ferry, at which place when I arrived our Regiment was Crossing over and I embarked and came over to this side, shortly after I came over, I saw the enemy appear. I took particular notice of the ground, which on this side did not command that on the other, but notwithstanding if we had had our artillery considering the timidity of those Green Coats, I thought we could prevent their coming forward before our people might get over

James R. Reed.

[*Ibid.* p. 143.]

Major Sherburne's Testimony. D. N° 7 —

Camp near Newport 6th Septr 1777.

On Wednesday the 19th of August 1777 I was desired by Major General Sullivan to write a note to the Brigadiers Smallwood & Deborre desiring them with their Brigades (such only as were able to endure a march) to Parade at Head Quarters at 12 O Clock the next day with their knapsacks & two days Provisions Cook'd, leaving their Tents standing. On Thursday the 20th of August the General notified to his family [staff] to ride Giving out word that the Troops were to march to the Southward and he was himself a going forward (now I have reason to suppose that the true intention of this move was made known to Genl Smallwood the evening before, as he and Genl Sullivan were in close Conference for some considerable time, & I understood from the Genl afterwards that the Troops had orders to march precisely at 12 OClock) Agreeable to the Genls order his Aid — followed him, he taking the Road leading to Morristown about 21 miles, when turning to the left we proceeded to Chatham & from thence to Elizabeth Town, where the Genl calling his Aid de Camps let them into his Intentions, Informing them that the Troops were to be near the Town about dark & that he had form'd a design

to make a Desent on Staten Island, that he with his Division was to embark from Halsteads point & make a landing on the opposite shore, while Col. Ogden with his own & Col. Daytons Reg^{t} with some Militia made a Landing from Old Blazing Star. The plan was then, that after the Troops had made good their Land'g Col. Ogden with his party was to surround Lt Col. Lawrence and his party & lay still while light, & then make what prisoners he could, after which he was to attack Col. Duncan & Allen and then proceed down the sound in order to form a junction with General Sullivans Division. In the mean time Genl Sullivan was to dispose of his Division in the following manner (to wit) after gaining the main post road from the Marshes, Genl Smallwood was to file off to the left: taking the Road leading to Dickers ferry where Baskirk was posted with his Reg^{t} in order to surprise and make Prisoners as many as he could, in the meantime General Sullivan at the Head of Genl Deborres Brigade was to file of to the right, & taking the Road leading to the new Blazing Star in order to surprise Col. Barton with his party after which he was to march back and cover Genl Smallwoods retreat in case t should be necessary, Captn Barnett with a party of the Lt Infantry of Col. Hazens Reg^{t} was to surprise Genl Skinner who the Genl understood kept at one Wards — The Genl having told his Aid de Camps this in the presence of Col. Ogden & some other officers who he thought proper to call in, in order to consult with them about the Boats &c, &c. —

Between the hours of Nine & Ten in the evening word was brought that the troops had arriv'd, on which the General ordered them to refresh themselves and lay still untill further orders; to the best of my remembrance the two Brigades had orders to be at Halsteads point precisely at two O Clock, at the hour appointed Genl Smallwoods Brigade made its appearance, followed after by Genl Deborre and his Brigade between two and three the Troops began their Embarkation; the Genl in Person assisting in ordering the Boats and seeing them properly stowed & Requesting the officers & soldiers to be silent as the success of the Expedition depended on their avoiding a Discovery; Genl Smallwoods Brigade having got over, Genl Deborres Brigade began their Embarkation the 3^{d} boat of which General Sullivan and his Aid de Camps went over in, first giving the necessary orders to the Commanding Officers behind how to conduct himself in getting his Troops over. I think from the time we began our Embarkation to the time we Compleated it did not exceed one and a half hours

The Troops from Halsteads point had to land on a marsh and then to march several mile crossing a small creek before we could reach

the main road, the occasion of Gen[l] Sullivans going over before all the Troops had got over, was in order to give General Smallwood his directions & Rout, & to give Capt[n] Barnett his Command who was to surprise Skinner. Gen[l] Sullivan having given Gen[l] Smallwood his necessary order and a Pilot to conduct him, & Barnett his order he sent them off, and Returned to the marsh where waiting a few minutes Gen[l] Deborre hove in sight with his Brigade, all the part of them were considerably in the rear Gen[l] Deborre having got up & after waiting a few minutes for a Pilot who had gone to put the other Troops in the proper road as their Pilot was not acquainted with the road from off the marsh; after waiting a few minutes for him the Gen[l] ordered the Brigade to march we picking out the Road as well as we could untill the Pilot returned who went with us afterwards, we proceeded on our march for several mile when we discovered part of the Enemy Flying, the General perceiving it ordered Col. Price to file off to the right with his Reg[t] in order to intercept the Enemies retreat, after which the General Pushed on the Troops until he discovered a Party of the enemy Paraded in a cornfield, the Troops were anxious to push on but the Gen[l] thought proper to order a party to file off to the left in order to get on the Enemies right flank, they perceiving the Generals intention threw down their arms and ran away. L[t] Col. Barton who commanded that party surrendered himself a prisoner of war as did a number of his men who could not effect their escape. The Gen[l] understanding there was a party of the Enemy at the point he ordered his troops to push on which they did but to little purpose for the enemy had made their escape in Boats we only taking a few that could not effect it, the General finding how matters stood, returned with his Troops by the same Road that he went, in order to meet Col. Ogden with his party — As I understood from the Gen[l] that he had sent Major Eustace to Col. Ogden to hasten his march but Eustace returning very soon after reported to the General, that he could not procure a Boat to cross the Creek; but on the march the General was met by M[r] Armstrong (a volunteer with General Smallwood) with word from Gen[l] Smallwood that the enemy were endeavouring to surround him and begged he would form a junction as soon as possible, upon which the Gen[l] pushed on with his Troops in order to effect it which he did within half a mile of the Crotch of the Road, one of which leads to Dickers Ferry, the other to the Old Blazing Star which the Gen[l] took in hopes of meeting Col. Ogden with his party but being disappointed he pushed for Cuckolds Town, half a mile the other side the General ordered me to direct Gen[l] Smallwood to take possession of the heights on the right & rest his men, he also ordered me to

give the like orders to Gen[l] Deborre only he was to take the heights on the left, having made a halt for some considerable time (sufficient for the men to rest) the Gen[l] ordered the Troops to march having about 4 miles to march to the Old Blazing Star, which when we arrived at, the Gen[l] ordered me to post a Picquett upon the heights back of the Ferry for the security of our Embarkation which I did, Consisting of one field officer and one hundred men, in our way from Cuckolds town I remark'd to the General, that I percieved a number of stragglers behind, some of whom would not get up unless there was waggons sent for them, upon which the General ordered me to dispatch some waggons back for them which I did, and as I brought up the rear the last of any officer to Cuckolds town, I did not perceive any stragglers untill I discovered them about one quarter of a mile the other side of the Town upon the strength of which I told the Gen[l] as before mentioned; We began our Embarkation — The Gen[l] ordered me to appoint some officer to superintend it, which I did appointing a Major from Col. Hazens Reg[t] giving him his directions also desired him to appoint the officers to act with him. — The Gen[l] tarried on the Island while Gen[l] Smallwoods Brigade Crossed, he himself going in the first boat that crossed with Gen[l] Deborrs men in order to see that the boats were properly managed there, on the Generals landing he ordered one of his Aid de Camps to tarry & see the boats off while he went up to the Troops that had crossed in order to dispatch some messenger for the Provisions that had not arrived agreeable to an order they had received *before*, to be at the Old Blazing Star that afternoon —

The Troops having all got over excepting a very few beside the Pickett guard, & the Gen[l] from the opposite shore discovering the enemy to heave in sight, ordered me down to the boats and see that they were double mann'd. I accordingly obey'd the Genl[s] order double mann'd the boats & used my endeavour to get them off but was all in vain, two boats went off they never reach'd the opposite shore, being as I suppose, terrified by the Enemies incessent fire from their artillery & small arms, the General finding how the matter stood on the marsh came down himself and used his Influence in getting the boats over ordered the men to fire on them which they did but all in vain; all y[e] arguments the threats &c. that the Gen[l] could make use of answered to no purpose the boats did not get over, but ran ashore at the upper end of the marsh & left a small Pickett to defend themselves against an Enemy more than Twenty to one odds; The enemy finding how matters stood with our little party that was left as it were to their mercy pushed them to the utmost

and were repulsed with bravery that would do honour to veteran Troops, but being overpowered with numbers & all their ammunition being expended, those that did not chuse to surrender threw themselves into the sound & swam over & many took to the woods & have since got over —

Quest. Did you see the Gen[l] ride up & speak to the Officer Command'g the Rear guard after the Division had gained the main road & were passing on for Cuckolds Town

Answ. I did

Quest. What was the Distance from thence to Cuckolds Town

Answ. About four miles

Quest. Did not the General give express orders that no Horses or Cattle should be carried over till the Troops had all Crossed

Answ. He did

Quest. Did not you deliver those orders to the officer appointed to superintend the Embarkation when he was appointed

Answ. I did

Quest. Did the General give those orders as soon as he came to the Ferry

Answ. He did

Quest. Could Cannon have been used by us to advantage in Covering the Crossing of the Troops

Answ. They could not

Edw[d] Sherburne De A. G.

[Major Sherburne was Aid de Camp to General Sullivan. He was mortally wounded in the battle at Germantown, and died October 5, 1777. — Ed.]

[*Ibid.* p. 144.]

General Smallwoods Testimony E. N° 8.

Interrogatories to Gen[l] Smallwood

Quest. Did Gen[l] Sullivan let you into the whole Plan of attacking Staten Island & take your opinion upon the Practicability of it previous to his issuing orders for the Troops to prepare for marching.

Ans. He did not as well as I can recollect — I received Gen[l] Sullivans orders thro' Major Sherburne to draw out all such soldiers in my Brigade as were able to stand a march & provide them with three

days Provision, & Rum, Cook'd & to Parade them at 12 O'Clock next day at his Quarters compleatly armed & accoutred to march with no other baggage, but Blankets, at the same time received his Billet, requiring my attendance on him immediately, which was comply'd with as soon as I had given the above order; when he opened his design & took my opinion, & understood similar orders were sent to the other Brigade.

Quest. Was your opinion in favour of or against the attempt

Ans. Strongly in favour of it from an impression it was advisable and Practicable.

Quest. Did he issue orders the Evening before the march for the Troops to draw Provision & have it Cook'd & the troops to be in readiness to march at 12 O'Clock next day

Ans. He did

Quest. Did you send him word by the Brigade Major in the morning that your Troops would be ready to march by 11 O'Clock.

Ans. I did.

Quest. How much nearer was Gen[l] Deborres Brigade encamped to the Commissarys stores than yours.

Ans. I think at least a mile and an half if not more.

Quest. Did the General give you orders to send off the Troops from Hanover, towards Elizabeth Town, at 12 O'Clock, by regiments, companies, or in such manner as you thought best to prevent the suspicion of the Inhabitants, & to rendezvous them back of Eliz[th] Town in the Evening.

Ans. Every order comprised under the above question he gave, except rendezvousing back of Elizabeth Town, which I did not recollect. However I ordered the Troops to be halted there, and rode into Town to take his further Orders, from which it is probable he might have given such orders, notwithstanding I cannot remember it.

Quest. Was it not your opinion that if the Troops were moved towards Elizabeth Town, & halted, so as to proceed upon the attack on a subsequent day, that it would be likely to alarm the Enemy, & defeat our designs, & was not this the Reason why we determined to do the whole in a day & night & the next morning.

Ans. Ultimately it was, but I was of a different opinion when the design was first communicated, lest the men should be too much fatigued, & not act with that vigor & alacrity, which is necessary in all attacks of this nature, but for the reasons above suggested on this Quest[n] waved my opinion, and the attack was accordingly determined.

Quest. What time did your Troops arrive at Elizabeth Town

Ans. About ten O'Clock at night.

Quest. At what time did your Troops begin to Embark

Ans. As near as I can recollect between 2 & 3 O Clock in the morning.

Quest. Did Gen[l] Sullivan immediately upon the arrival of the Troops at Elizabeth Town give orders, that they should sit down, Eat, & refresh themselves, & did not he leave them in that situation till you said it was time to move on. —

Ans. He did. —

Quest. Did General Sullivan exert himself in Embarking the Troops or not.

Ans. He did I think very much.

Quest. Did you hear him frequently give orders to Officers & Soldiers to keep together, to be silent, & attentive to the Commands of their superior officers. —

Ans. I did.

Quest. Did he endavour to Chear up the soldiers, & promise them success if they would be silent, keep together, and attend to the Commands of their officers.

Ans. He did.

Quest. Did he when your Brigade had Crossed, pass over the Marsh on to the high ground, give the word to be used, furnish you with a guide, give you your directions, and order you to march on, and then return himself to bring up the other Brigade.

Ans. He did.

Quest. Was his arrangement on the Island agreeable to the Plan which he had consulted you upon.

Ans. As well as I can charge my memory it was in every instance, except his going with Gen[l] Debories Brigade instead of mine, w[ch] he at first proposed, but from his ill state of Health, informed me he could not stand the fatigue, & urging it was more necessary to be with Deborie —

Quest. Did your Guide deceive you & was not he in your opinion the sole means of your failure to entrap the Regm[t] at Deckers Ferry.

Ans. He did, and am well assured it was the sole cause of my not taking the British Regiment above Dongan's Mills, and the greatest part of Buskirks Regiments at the Dutch Church.

Quest. Did you send M[r] Armstrong to inform Gen[l] Sullivan that

the enemy were trying to get on your flanks, & you wished him to join you as soon as he conveniently could.

Ans. I directed Mr Armstrong to inform Genl Sullivan that the enemy were endeavouring to Flank & get below us, that I should retreat in good order agreeable to the Plan concerted, that I should proceed to join him but if he chose to join me, we should be able to fight and give a good account of them.

Quest. When you met him did you tell him that the men were so much fatigued and the enemy had so much time to collect that it would be at least doubtful whether we should be an equal match for them without forming a Junction with Colo Ogden.

Ans. I did not as I remember, nor did I then, or have since thought such a measure would have been necessary.

Quest. Had Colo Ogden recrossed with most of his troops when we came to the Old Blazing Star.

Ans. I think (but can't be certain) he had crossed, but am sure most of his Troops had.

Quest. Was not the Original Plan to form a Junction with Ogden.

Ans. It was.

Quest. Did the Genl form the troops in two lines near Cuckolds Town, and halt them, & how long.

Ans. I do not remember the troops were formed, otherwise than in the order of march, at or near Cuckolds Town. I recollect they were halted to refresh in an orchard by the road between Cuckholds Town, and the Old Blazing Star.

Quest. Did the Genl immediately upon his arrival at the Ferry, order that no more Horses should Cross until the men were all over, and appoint an Officer to Superintend the Embarkation.

Ans. Such orders were repeatedly given, both by the General & myself.

Quest. Did the General when he discovered a boat forsaken by the Boatmen on the opposite shore, after the first Brigade had crossed, desire you to cross with him.

Ans. He did.

Quest. Did he and you put men in the boat and send her back.

Ans. We did, and found some difficulty in getting her off.

Quest. Did he leave two of his Aid de Camps to Superintend the Return of the boats from the Jersey Shore.

Ans. I heard him give orders, at least to one, if not two of his Aid de Camps to that purpose.

Quest. Did he send a third Aid de Camp to order the boats to be double mann'd.

Ans. I understood he did, but dont recollect I was present at the delivery of such an order, but I well remember that an officer or two besides the Aid de Camps &c were sent on this Express purpose.

Quest. Do you know, or even suspect that Genl Sullivan gave Liberty to the Soldiers to straggle over the Island, or to Plunder.

Ans. I neither knew or suspected either.

Quest. Did you on the contrary hear him Exhort the soldiers to keep together & tell them they would soon come to action with the Enemy.

Ans. I heard him Exhort, and Order, the soldiers to be kept in their ranks, but dont recollect his telling them they would soon come to action.

Quest. Do you think it would have been safe to have lost time in Endeavouring to bring the Enemy to Action which kept off your left flank, or could your troops fatigued as they were have compelled them to an Action, if they chose to avoid it.

Ans. I do not think it would have been advisable to have lost time in endeavour'g to bring ye Enemy to Action, nor do I think our troops could have bro^{t} them to it with^{t} being much exposed for I apprehend they would have retreated to gain advantage &c.

[p. 145.]

Quest. Was not the Rear Guard composed of a Party selected in the night, & put under the Command of Capt Chambers, & Capt Heron, to take Genl Skinner.

Ans. Capt Heron's Comp^{y} I believe composed a part, and Chambers might, but he is an Officer. I dont know, & therefore can't be certain whether it was his Comp^{y} or not.

Quest. If Captain Heron, & the other Officers taken, or killed near Duckers ferry had obeyed your orders, and marched with the Brigade, would there been any probability of their being taken.

Ans. I am certain they would not have been taken, and it is probable not killed.

Quest. Was it not thought advisable by yourself & the other officers, when the enemy appeared in sight, to march a Party down to the water side, to annoy the Enemy in Flank by firing across the River.

Ans I thought it might have a good effect, tho' I did not expect it would annoy them much.

Quest. If you had Cannon with you would not the Marsh on the Jersey side, & the superiority of the Ground the Enemy were possessed of on the other side, have prevented your using your Cannon to Effect, to Cover the Embarkation of the Party engaged with the Enemy.

Ans. I think in a great measure it would — as the distance would have been too great.

Quest. Is it your opinion that any of the misfortunes that happened to your Troops on Staten Island, were owing to the Carelessness, Inattention or Misconduct of General Sullivan.

Ans. It is not though I believe could the Design have been executed on a subsequent day without the risque of alarming the Enemy, when the men would have been fresh we should not have been subject to have lost so many.

N. B. When you communicated your design of making a Descent on the Island, my first question was, whether you could depend on your Intelligence, and having boats, you answered affirmatively, I then conceded with you, that it was practicable, and advisable, and as well as I can recollect, proposed carrying our Cannon, & giving the men one nights respite, and making the Descent the next night, which opinions I readily waved upon your acquainting me that such was the Enemys communication at, and in the neighborhood of Elizabeth Town, that they must inevitably discover our design, by delaying the Execution, and that Cannon would not avail, on an Expedition of such secrecy, and Dispatch, in short it was proposed to do everything by surprise and Bayonet. I am confident we should have got every man safe over with his Baggage & a number of Cattle & Horses, which were drove to the Landing, had the boats come down Point Halseys Ferry, as they had been ordered, and I have understood they were prevented by a sloop which was taken, and in which the Prisoners were sent over to Elizabeth Town, upon a supposition she was one of the Enemys Tenders.

Many have and may suppose we had a force sufficient to have resisted them, without Artillery; Would not the Event been Hazardous, even though we had been pretty sure of this, when there was a fresh and fair wind, which might have brought a Tender, or two into the sound which must have prevented our Passage over —

Harford County ss. Swan Creek September 17th 1777.

I do hereby certifie that Brigadier General Smallwood read over, and made Oath to the truth of the above answers, annexed to each of the foregoing Questions, given the date above written.

Joseph Cromwell.

[*Ibid.* p. 146.] *Revd Mr Armstrongs Testimony. F. N^o* 9—

Camp near New Port Septr 6, 1777

On Thursday the 20th of August Genl Sullivan's division marched from Hanover at 12 at Noon & halted between the hour of 9 & 10 at Night half a mile west of Elizabeth Town — About 12 at night Genl Sullivan having Previously ordered his Troops to join him at Halstead's Point, left his quarters and went to Eliz. Town in order to see that a suffcient number of Boats were provided to transport his troops in an intended expedition against the British forces upon Staten Island — Near two in the morning the troops arrived at Halstead's point and immediately after began to embark. The Genl showed the utmost attention to the good order & activity in embarking & silence of the Troops, often telling them, by observing these he would insure them success. Brigadier Smallwoods Brigade in the rear of which the Generals Sullivan & Smallwood crossed, made the upland of the Island about ½ after 3 in the morning, & were immediately detached by Genl Sullivan with certain Capt Dickey as Guide, to attack Lieu^t Col^o Buskarks Reg^t of Jersey Volunteers Posted at the Dutch Church, Deckers Ferry. I accompanied Genl Smallwood as a volunteer, and nothing could have prevented this detachment from being as successful as the plan of the expedition entitled us, but the stupidity of our Guide, who instead of fulfilling the orders given him, by leading us between the enemy & their Forts so as to cut off their retreat & throw them between us and the troops immediately commanded by Genl Sullivan, led in front, where at the short distance of between a ¼ & ½ of a ¼ of a mile, we were exposed to the full view of the enemy. — by this means Buskskarks Reg^t & a Regim^t of British whose Colours we took: had just time to make a precipitate retreat towards their forts which lay 1½ miles distant. Genl Smallwood took possession of their encampment, and while we were delay'd by burning some small vessells & destroying the stores & Forage which they left, the enemy appeared in a pretty numerous line of march evidently intending to surround us on the right. General Smallwood immediately ordered a retreat, and dispatched me on Horseback to Genl Sullivan requesting that he would Join him, as the enemy appeared numerous and were endeavouring to surround him — I found Genl Sullivan near the New Star after Surprising Lieu^t Col^o Barton, and taking him & some of his Regiment Prisoners — upon Delivering Brigadier Smallwoods message Genl Sullivan ordered his troops to march for the road leading from Deckers ferry to Cuckolds Town in order to meet Genl Smallwood; telling the Soldiers as he rode along the line of march, Now my lads we shall have some fun, the enemy are advancing & we

must give them a drubbing. — Gen[l] Sullivan & Gen[l] Smallwood met near the fork of the aforementioned road, & after halting a few minutes the division marched for Cuckolds Town where the troops halted a considerable time to refresh — we then made the old Star — I crossed with the last of Gen[l] Smallwoods Brigade, leaving the Generals upon the Island.

T. F. Armstrong Volunteer
in the expedition against Staten Island

Quest. What do you suppose the distance to be between the Fork of the road, where the troops made the small halt, to where they made the second halt near Cuckolds Town.

Ans. I have not enquired but think it about 4 or 5 miles.

Quest. Did you discover that Gen[l] Sullivan shew any signs of fear or confusion through the whole of the Expedition.

Ans. Upon my honour I did not.

Quest. Did you tell Gen[l] Sullivan that you had seen the enemy & there appeared to be a prodigious long string of them.

Ans. I did.

Quest. Did the General to your knowledge give liberty to the Soldiers to straggle & Plunder.

Ans. To my knowledge he did not, and when a poor woman made complaint to the General he promised her Redress if either the person or things could be found.

Quest. Did you hear him desire the officers to keep the men together & in order to receive the enemy.

Ans. Yes.

Quest. Did you hear him often speak to the soldiers & request them to keep together & hold themselves in readiness to receive the enemy.

Ans. I often heard the Gen[l] tell his troops to keep themselves in readiness, the enemy were advancing and we must fight them.

Quest. If the officers & soldiers of Gen[l] Smallwood had obeyed the orders he gave them at Deckers ferry & came off with the Party would there have been any Probability of any of his Party falling into the hands of the enemy.

Ans. No. T. F. Armstrong.

[Rev. Dr. Armstrong acted as a volunteer brigade major on General Smallwood's staff, on the expedition. — Ed.]

[*Ibid.* p. 147.] *Major Morris*[s] *Testimony. G. N*° 10.

Camp near New Port Sept[r] 6th, 1777.

Major General Sullivan having plann'd an Expedition against Staten Island, Ordered his Division, on the 20th Aug[t] last, to march to Elizabeth Town by Regiments. The General went forward himself, to make the necessary preparations for the Embarkation and procure proper Guides, about 10 OClock in the Evening, the Division came into Town, and moved down to Halsteads Point where they remained 'till 2 O Clock in the morning, when General Smallwood's Brigade began to Embark, and by daylight the whole Division had compleatly crossed. during the Embarkation, the Gen[l] was extremely active; every Person must do him the Justice to acknowledge that he was much more so than they could have expected from an Invalid, which the Gen[l] certainly was at that time. — After Gen[l] Smallwood's Brigade had gained the upland, Gen[l] Sullivan ordered Gen[l] Smallwood to proceed with his Brigade to Deckers Ferry, and attack Col° Bushierts Regim[t] ab[t] the same time, the Gen[l] ordered Cap[t] Heron & Chambers with a Party of L[t] Infantry which was attached the night before, from Col° Hazens Regim[t] to proceed to Gen[l] Skinner's Quart[s] & endeavour to take him Prisoner. This business being completed, the Gen[l] sent me down to the shore to bring up Gen[l] De Borres Brigade, and returned part of the way himself. When he gained the upland, and the dispositions made, The Gen[l] took the Command himself of it in Person & moved on to attack Col° Bartons Regim[t] at the New Blazing Star. In our march for that place, the Gen[l] frequently ordered the soldiers to observe the strictest silence, & spirited them on to the attack. Gen[l] Smallwood, who undoubtedly would have succeeded to our most sanguine Expectation, if his Guide had not brought him in full front of the Enemy instead of conducting him to the rear, this mistake gave them an opportunity to retreat to their Lines, upon the N° East point of the Island, Gen[l] Smallwood took four Prisoners, burnt seven of their small armed vessels, & a Bagage of Forage: The Gen[l] understanding that the Enemy from the Lines were endeavouring to head him, thought it most prudent to form a Junction with Gen[l] Sullivan, which he effected near the New Star. Gen[l] Sullivan having compleated his business in that Quarter, took Col° Barton & about 30 of his men Prisoners, ordered the Division to march for the Old Star. The line of march being very irregular, The Gen[l] sent me forward to halt the front that he might put the line in some kind of order. The Gen[l] between the New Star & Cuckolds Town was several times applied to, to halt their Division, but from the information the Gen[l]

received of the Enemy's Intentions to head him, did not think it prudent to make a halt, 'till he had passed Cuckolds Town about half a mile where the Division halted. One Brigade advanced a little before the others. The troops being rested about an hour, The Gen[l] ordered the Division to move on; upon their Arrival at the Old Star, the Embarkation of the troops took place, and was nearly completed when the Enemy advanced upon our Rear, consisting of about one hundred men, and took most of them Prisoners—

Lewis Morris A. D. C.

Quest. When the Gen[l] arrived at the Ferry did he appoint an officer to superintend the Embarkation of the Troops, & give positive orders that no Horses or Cattle should be carried across till the Troops were over.

Ans. I did not hear those orders given, but from the Concurrent Testimonies of many, I have no doubt of its being the case.

Quest. When the Gen[l] crossed over himself, did he in Person put a proper crew of hands into the boats, send them over & leave you & Major Eustace to superintend the return of the boats.

Ans. The crews were put in by himself. Major Eustace was appointed to superintend the Embarkation, & I staid to assist him.

Quest. Could Cannon have been placed on the Jersey shore to advantage to cover the crossing the Troops.

Ans. The Marsh was so extensive, that they could not have answered that Purpose.

Quest. Was General Sullivan in the rear of the Division when he sent you forward to slacken the march of the Troops.

Ans. To the best of my knowledge, I think he was.

Quest. Did you when you went forward by his directions, desire the officers & soldiers to march in order.

Ans. I did.

Quest. Did he forbid the soldiers stragling & plundering.

Ans. I recollect that he did.

Quest. What is the distance from the place where he sent you forward to Cuckolds Town.

Ans. Three & half miles

Quest. When Gen[l] Smallwood formed a Junction with Gen[l] Sullivan did you hear Gen[l] Smallwood tell him that the Enemy were nearly up to the Fork of the road by that time.

Ans. I recollect to have heard him say, that the Enemy were endeavouring to head him.

Quest. What reply did Gen[l] Sullivan make.

Ans. We must fight them.

Quest. Did you hear Gen[l] Smallwood then tell him, that the Enemy had had so much time to collect, & our Troops were so much fatigued that it would be at least doubtful whither we should drub them.

I recollect something of this, and clearly remember that the Gen[l] replied, that this Neck (meaning the Neck that the new Blazing Star stands upon,) was not a Post for him to maintain & immediately ordered the Division to march to the Old Star. —

Lewis Morris A. D. C.

[*Ibid.* p. 148.] *Major Eustace[s] Testimony. H. N°* 11.

Camp near Newport Sept[r] 6, 1777

Orders being issued by Major General Sullivan on the 20th of August for the Division to march at 12 the next day for Elizabeth Town & to avoid any suspicion arising of our intention of landing on the Island it was generally supposed & indeed reported that we were going to the southward, nor did the General make his own family acquainted with it till the next evening. The Division arrived at Eliz[a] between ten & eleven after the General supposed they were refreshed (for which he had given orders on their arrival) He marched them down to Halsteads Point & began to embark: This was nearly compleated by day break. Gen[l] Smallwoods Brigade being first in the line of march were consequently first on the Island: Gen[l] Sullivan having given the necessary orders & instructions to Gen[l] Smallwood, (after he had reached the high ground) he with the Guide (one Dickey) who was provided for him at Elizabeth Town, Pursued the nearest rout for Deckers ferry & the Dutch Church, where Col° Buskarks Reg[t] was stationed; Gen[l] Sullivan then dispached his aid Major Morris to superintend the embarkation of Deborres Brigade this was shortly after accomplished: when DeBorres Brigade had crossed the marsh, the Gen[l] making such disposition as he thought proper marched in Person with them to the forks of the Road, the left of which lead to the Dutch Church, and Deckers & was the road Gen[l] Smallwood had taken, the right to the new Star where Bartons Regiment was stationed when the Gen[l] had nearly reached this, he was informed that the Greens were making their escape along the river side, I was immediately sent with orders to Col° Price whose Reg[t] formed the rear of the Brigade to file off to the right & interrupt their retreat;

which he partly effected & took a few prisoners; on our arrival at Mr Barton Qr we found him as we expected with his Regt ready to give us a warm reception. When Major Taylor with the advance Guard which he commanded were within three hundred Paces, they in the most Precipitate manner quitted the fence at which they were drawn up, without firing a shot at them. Their brave Colo finding the probability of securing a retreat rather against him surrendered himself a Prisoner of war. the Green coated party consisted of about 50 a few of them were taken in the marsh, thro' which they endeavoured to make their escape the others took to the boats that were laying at the ferry stairs to which our men pursued them. The Gen1 then dispached a Canoe with orders to the Person who had the care of the Boats at Halsteads to send them immediately upon the old Star, when we had gone about half a mile from the ferry, the Gen1 sent me back to the river with orders to Colo Ogden to join him immediately, but I was not able to procure a boat for that purpose, Doctor Armstrong (who had attended Gen1 Smallwood that day as an extra Brigade Major) came to Gen1 Sullivan with an account that the enemy (who from the stupidity of Dickey took the alarm as he brought them in full view at such a distance as gave them full time to prepare,) & were endeavouring to surround him, & added that there was a very long string of them & begged Gen1 Sullivan to join him as soon as possible: De Borres Brigade was immediately formed & with the Gen1 marchd to the assistance of Smallwood; whom we met about a mile and a half on the road leading from the N. Star to Deckers ferry, the whole Division then marched a little beyond Cuckolds Town & halted in two lines on two advantageous heights for more than an hour: we then proceeded on to the Old Star Ferry where we arrived at 12 o'clock and found Colo M. Ogden & Mr Barber Lieut Colo of Daytons Corps whose regiments had just crossed the river.—we immediately began to cross, (to superintend which Major Worden was appointed on that shore) Gen1 Sullivan, Gen1 Smallwood & Gen1 De Borre crossed in the rear of Smallwoods Brigade. I was ordered to superintend the Boats on this side the river in which Major Morris was polite enough to assist me: till it was Compleated except the rear Guard and stragglers that were attacked by the Enemy.

Quest. Did Gen1 Sullivan halt at the forks of that Road leading from the New Blazing Star into the main road till the Division had passed him except the rear Guard.

Ans. I remember perfectly he did.

Quest. What was the distance from the fork to where the van Guard then stood.

Ans. Not more than three hundred or four hundred Paces.

Quest. What was the distance from the fork to where the Troops halted near Cuckolds Town.

Ans. One of the Inhabitants of whom I then enquired told me between four and five miles.

Quest. Did the Gen[l] send you forward between those places to inform the front they marched too fast & to desire to march slow & in good order.

Ans. Twice.

Quest. Did you hear the Gen[l] desire the officers to keep their men together & in good order.

Ans. Frequently.

Quest. Did you hear him forbid plundering the Inhabitants

Ans. I was sent to the heights on the complaint of a poor woman who had been robbed, with orders from the Gen[l] to have her goods returned to her, & the person who had taken them confined.

Quest. Did you hear him exhort the Soldiers to keep together & be in readiness to receive the Enemy.

Ans. I did repeatedly as he rode thro' the line.

Quest. Did he after the Enemy appeared come down on the marsh by the shore & endeavour to get the boats across, & remain there till the Pickett had surrendered.

Ans. He did.

J. O. Eustace Aid de Camp
Major General Lee

[Major Eustace served on the staffs of Generals Lee and Sullivan, "with honor, fidelity and bravery," and on November 7, 1777, Congress granted him a commission as major in the service of the United States. — Ed.]

Interrogations to Col° Price. I. N° 12.

Quest. Was you on the expedition of General Sullivan to Staten Island.

Ans. I was.

Quest. Did he appear to be active and attentive in Getting over and arranging his men.

Ans. I think he was.

Quest. Was you in that Division which he commanded in person.

Ans. I was.

Quest. Did he make such Disposition as you thought most proper to intercept the enemy and prevent their escaping.

Ans. I think he did.

Quest. Did he after he had taken Col° Barton and some of his Regiment prisoners and was returning to join General Smallwood desire you to keep your men together and in proper order to receive the enemy.

Ans. He did so, and informed me he expected the enemy wou'd attack General Smallwood by the time we cou'd Join him at the Cross Roads.

Quest. Do you know anything of his giving permission to the Soldiers to straggle over the Island to plunder.

Ans. Not to my knowledge.

Quest. Did the Regiment you commanded bring up the rear of the main body after the Junction was formed with General Smallwood.

Ans. They did.

Quest. Did you halt with your Regiment at Cuckolds Town, and how long.

Ans. They did, but how long I can't tell, as I was much fatigued and had Gen[l] De Borre's leave to go forward and Cross the Ferry.

Quest. When the General arrived at the Old Star Ferry did he give positive orders that no horses or cattle should be craried across till all the troops were over and appoint an officer to Superintend the Imbarkation.

Ans. I was not present but I was told he did.

Quest. When the enemy appeared in sight did he go down to the Shore and endeavour to get the Boats over & remain there till the rear picket had Surrendered.

Ans. I was not present.

Quest. Could cannon have been placed to advantage on the Jersey Shore to have covered the Crossing of the troops when the enemy were in possession of heights on the opposite Shore.

Ans. The heights on the Island command the Jersey Shore at the old Starr Ferry.

Quest. Is it your opinion that any of the misfortunes that happened that day were owing to the Carelessness Inattention or Misconduct of General Sullivan.

Ans. It is my opinion Gen[l] Smallwoods Brigade should have crossed the Sound at the place the Division crossed at.

Quest. Did you discover any Signs of fear or confusion in General Sullivan in the course of the expedition.

Ans. Not in the least.

Tho. Price Colo.
2 Maryland Regiment.

[*Ibid.* p. 150.]

Major Adams's Testimony K. N° 13.

[Major Daniel J. Adams's testimony, in answer to interrogatories, corroborates the foregoing, but is omitted here as it brings out nothing materially different from those preceding. — Ed.]

[*Ibid.* p. 151.]

Major Vaughan's Testimony L. N° 14.

Interrogatories to Major Vaughan.

Quest. Was you in the Expedition with Gen[l] Sullivan to Staten Island.

Ans. Yes.

Quest. Did he appear to be active and attentive in getting over and arranging his troops.

Ans. Yes, as active as it was possible for a man to be.

Quest. Was you in the Division Commanded by him or that Commanded by General Smallwood.

Ans. In that Commanded by General Smallwood.

Quest. Have you any reason to doubt if General Smallwoods taking or distroying the troops at Dickers Ferry, if he had not been deceived by his Guide.

Ans. I am of opinion that if General Smallwoods Division had been taken in the rear instead of the front of the enemy they must have fallen into our Hands, but what were the instructions given the guide, cannot say

Quest. When he gave orders to his party to retire and form a Junction with General Sullivan would there have been a probability of any of his officers & men being left if those orders had been attended to.

Ans. I think there would not.

Quest. At what time did General Smallwood form a Junction with General Sullivan.

Ans. Between the fork of the road and the New Blazing Star, & I think about eleven O Clock, A. M.

Quest. How far was it from Cuckolds Town.

Ans. About four Miles.

Quest. Did the troops halt at Cuckolds Town & how long.

Ans. Yes, near the Town, something better than an hour.

Quest. Did General Sullivan enjoïn silence & order upon his men and assure them that the success of the expedition depended on it.

Ans. Yes.

Quest. Do you know anything of his giving permission to the Soldiers to straggle over the Island to plunder.

Ans. No, but positively ordered the contrary.

Quest. When the General arrived at the Old Blazing Star, did he appoint an officer to superintend the embarkation of the troops.

Ans. Yes, Major Woodson was appointed.

Quest. Did he give positive orders that no horses or cattle should be carried over till all the troops had crossed.

Ans. Yes, I understood from Major Woodson such were the orders.

Quest. When he crossed himself, did he leave two of his Aid de Camps to superintend the return of the boats.

Ans. I saw two of the Generals Aid de Camps on the Jersey side after the General had crossed.

Quest. When the enemy were in sight did he go down to the shore and endeavour to get over and remain there till the rear Picket had surrendered.

Ans. Yes.

Quest. Could Cannon have been placed to advantage on the Jersey shore to have covered our Troops in Crossing when the enemy were possessed of the heights on the opposite shore.

Ans. I do not think that Cannon could have been placed opposite the picket to advantage, but that it might have been of service about half a mile below.

Quest. Did you while on the Island Discover any signs of fear or confusion in General Sullivan.

Ans. No not the least.

Quest. Is it your opinion that any of the misfortunes that happened that day were owing to the carelessness inattention or misconduct of General Sullivan.

Ans. No. —

Joseph Vaughan, M. D R.

[*Ibid.* p. 152.] *Major Steretts Testimony M N°* 15.

[This document corroborates the foregoing in most points, and is omitted as containing nothing materially differing from them. — Ed.]

[*Ibid.* p. 153.]

[*Summary of the Evidence of General Sterling.*]

On considering the several matters alledged, and several Evidences, as follows it appears on the day of Gen[l] Sullivans march from Hanover, that Provisions were ready to be issued to Gen[l] de Borres Brigade, in time to have enabled them to march at the time appointed by Gen[l] Sullivan; and that their not being ready till three hours afterwards, must have been owing to the negligence of the officers of that Brigade, for it appears that de Borres Brigade had their Provisions drawn the Evening before, & that Smallwoods Brigade which lay at a much greater distance from the Commissary's, had their Provisions & were ready to march an hour before the appointed time. It appears that Major Taylor must have been mistaken as to the time allowed for halting the Troops, for it appears that at Chatham they halted at least half an hour, and at least 3 hours more before their Embarkation, in the Neighbourhood of Halsteads Point & Elizabeth Town, and had there been any fault in the march of the Troops it could not have been owing to Gen[l] Sullivan, as he was gone forward to get the Boats ready, at the proposed place of Embarkation. That if the troops had not so much time to refresh as they ought to have, it was owing to Gen[l] De Borres Brigade delaying their march three hours after the time they were ordered. As to sending the two men in the Canoe with a broken Paddle, to carry orders for the boats, & waggons to proceed to the Old Blazing Star, [it] appears from the Evidence that antecedent orders had been given, to the officer who had charge of them, to proceed to the Old Blazing Star, on his hearing the Fire proceed that way, and that the stoppage of the boats

was not owing to the want of orders, but to the appearance of a Sloop in which Col° Ogden sent off his Prisoners, and which was mistaken for one of the Enemys Tenders; — It appears from the Evidence that it would have been very improper to have halted the Division until they came to Cuckold's Town, at which place they halted a full hour, and not a half only as Maj^r Taylor asserts. — That the straggling march was contrary to the Express orders of Genl Sullivan, deliv^d by himself in Person, and by his aids repeatedly. — It also appears that the Light Infantry of Hazens were only halted for the purpose of bringing up stragglers to the Rear Guard, as asserted. — It appears by a number of Evidences that Major Woodson was early appointed to superintend the reembarkation of the Troops, at the Old Blazing Star, and that he exerted himself much for that purpose. — It also appears that Genl Sullivan appointed two of his aids to see that the boats returned with expedition from the Jersey side. — It appears in the fullest manner from the Evidence that Genl Sullivan gave repeated orders in the most positive terms against Plundering. — That altho: two men were killed by the Enemy's Artillery while on the Marsh in the Jerseys, still it appears to have been a proper measure to station the Troops there, in order to cover the retreat of the Rear Guard, & that it had a good effect, in checking the Enemy. — It appears that after the return of the Troops from Staten Island, that Genl Sullivan immediately took every measure necessary to furnish his Troops with Provision and to refresh them, and for this purpose ordered the whole of his Troops to assemble at Elizabeth Town; That Genl Smallwood, with his Brigade, did actually go to Elizabeth Town and were there furnished with Provisions, but that Genl Debores, contrary to his positive orders, did march off towards Chatham: on hearing of which Genl Sullivan expressed his displeasure, and immediately sent orders to Genl Debores to halt his Troops at Springfield, where there were plenty of Provisions. — That Genl Debores instead of obeying his order, sent word back that his troops were on the march, & that they should go to Chatham — & that was the reason why the march of that Brigade was so greatly prolonged before they were refreshed. — It appears from the Evidence & Papers, that Major Taylor's opinion is not founded in the best Information, and that he has been grossly mistaken in a number of essential Particulars of the Expedition. —

The above in answer to Major Taylor's Evidence — Major Reed says that Genl Sullivan's Aid de Camps procured Horses in the Island for the General & themselves. — It appears from the Evidence that this was essentially necessary — The General & his Aids not having carried their Horses over to the Island. —

Sterling — President.

[*Ibid.* p. 154.]

Opinion of Court of Inquiry. N. N° 16.

Camp at Foamensing October 12th 1777 —

At a Court of enquiry held at Major General Lord Sterlings Quarters by order of his Excellency General Washington to examine into the Conduct of Major General Sullivan in the expedition Commanded by him to Staten Island in the month of August last

Present, Major General Lord Sterling, President.

Brigadier General McDougal
Brigadier General Knox
Colonel Spencer — Colonel Clark } Members.

The Court after hearing the evidences against the conduct of Major General Sullivan and those produced by him in his defence, and duly considering the same, are Unanimously of opinion that the expedition against the enemy on Staten Island was eligible and promised great advantages to the cause of America. That the expedition was well concocted, and the orders for the execution proper and would have succeeded with reputation to the General and Troops under his command had it not in some measure been rendered abortive by accidents which were out of the power of the General to foresee or prevent. — That General Sullivan was particularly active in embarking the Troops to the Island and took every precaution in his power to bring them off — That he made early provision at Elizabeth Town for refreshing the Troops of his Division when they returned to Jersey, and that upon the Maturest consideration of the evidence in possession of this Court, General Sullivan's conduct in planning and executing the expedition was such in the opinion of this Court, that he merits the approbation of his Country, and not its censure. The Court therefore are Unanimously of opinion that he ought to stand honourably acquitted of any unsoldierlike conduct in the expedition to Staten Island. —

Sterling
Alex. McDougal
Henry Knox
Oliver Spencer
T. Clark —

[The foregoing judgment of the court was transmitted to Congress by General Washington, and on October 20th that body

"*Resolved*, That the result of the court of enquiry into the expe-

dition of Staten-Island, so honourable to the character of General Sullivan, is highly pleasing to Congress, and that the opinion of the said court be published in justification of the injured character of that officer."

It was also satisfactory to Washington, who admired Sullivan for his energy, activity, and fearlessness, and to a large majority of the officers of the army. — ED.]

[*Ibid.* p. 155.] *Copy of Colonel Ogden's Letter, N° 17.*

[Contains a detailed account of the plan of action.]

Dear Sir. — As you are in my opinion very unjustly censured for your conduct respecting the Staten Island Expedition, I cannot in Justice to you, or the Public Service omit presenting you with my narrative of the affair, which if you please you may make Public.

I do not mean to call in question the proceeding of the Honourable Congress, I doubt not they have been imposed on by a misrepresentation of facts, otherwise they would not have ordered a Court of Enquiry. I am certain it is not their Intention to injure the Character of an Officer for being successfull.

The Plan ordered by you after consulting those Gentlemen (in whom you could confide) who were best acquainted with the Island, and the situation of the Enemy was this. — That Gen[l] Smallwood & DeBorre, should cross at Halsteads point, the former to attack Buskirk at the Dutch Church, and the latter Barton at the New Blazing Star. I was to cross at the Old Blazing Star, with the first and third Jersey Regiments, & a part of the Militia, & attack the Regiments of Lawrence, Dongan, & Allen, which if I found an overmatch, I was to take post on advantageous Ground, & wait until I was supported by a Regiment from Gen[l] DeBorre, which Regiment in case I drove the Enemy was to head them, & pick up the stragglers. One Regiment from Gen[l] Smallwood was to be left for the same purpose at the Cross Road above, & to take up those that should escape General De Borre, after which the whole of your Division was to join & march to where I had crossed, & where you were to recross. — This Plan appeared to me well concerted and perfectly consistent. The Officers on my part performed every duty required, or expected, they routed the Enemy, and made many of them Prisoners, with very little loss, how far the Officers of your Division executed their part, I cannot pretend to say, Tho: this I am certain of, that the loss of most of the men was owing to the Carelessness of the Officers Com-

manding Plattoons in suffering their men to fall out of their Places, those that were lost with the Rear Guard sold themselves dear, and their being exposed was unavoidable. I am Sir with respect & esteem

Your Hble Ser^t M. Ogden.

To Major General Sullivan.

[*Ibid.* p. 156.] *General Smallwoods Letter, No.* 18.

Swan Creek September 7th 1777.

Dear Sir — Its with much concern I hear your Conduct is called in Question, on the Expedition to Staten Island, and I am conscious it is undeserved, and its to be lamented that Gentlemen who write, do not exercise more Candor, Judgment, and accuracy in representing facts, as I would fain hope the Gentlemen who you mention to have subjected your Conduct to an Enquiry, have erred thro' Inadvertency more than any settled designs of injuring your Reputation but in every instance unless our Prospects and success are very sanguine, Censure becomes very liberal, and fashionable; and seems to be a Tax which every General Officer unavoidably yields to the Publick, which too frequently censures without an impartial enquiry, or without making a proper allowance for Events, which seldom succeed to expectation, 'tho designs are ever so well concerted, and executed. — This is a poor Encouragement for a Person to risque his life, fortune, and what is still more dear his Reputation. — I have answered your Interrogatories to the best of my recollection, and I am sorry I cannot be personally present, as many accidents may cast up in Point, in course of the Enquiry, which they have not, nor can I advert to at present, which might tend to set your views and Conduct in a clearer Light. I have the Honour to be with much regard,

Your most Obed^t & very Hble Servt Wm Smallwood

Major Genl Sullivan

[*Ibid.* p. 157.]

Copy of General Sullivan's 3^d *Letter to Congress, N°* 19.

Camp on Mebuckin Hills Octob^r 17th 1777.

Dear Sir. — I do myself the Honour to enclose Congress a Copy of the result of a Court of Enquiry, respecting my Conduct on Staten Island, after perusing which & examining the Evidence sent by me in a former Letter: Congress must be at some loss to know how it was

possible for Lt Col. Smith, and Major Taylor, to write so warmly against me to their friends in Congress when there was no Colour for it — I shall now give Congress the Key to it, and it will no longer remain a mystery — On the 13th August last, when my Division lay at Hanover, these two Gentlemen attacked Maj^r Sherburn (who acted as Dept^y A. Genl) on the Public Parade before, all the Soldiers about the severity of their duty; avering that there was no necessity of Picquets, or out Guards, as we were in a friends Country, and the Enemy at such a distance. This was said with heat on the one side & replied to with as much warmth on the other; I was much surprised at hearing so dangerous a doctrine had been advanced by Field Officers, before the Soldiers of my Division. I knew it was an established Rule among Military men, to use the same precautions in a friends Country as in an Enemy's, a relaxation, or neglect of duty, has proved the destruction of many armies: The fate of Hannibal after his troops had tasted the delights of Capua, was a striking Instance of the evil tendency which follow those neglects. I therefore on the next day issued orders to my Division (which you have enclosed)* this matter being known throughout the Division, it was early perceived against whom they were pointed. — This was by them deemed unpardonable, & I suppose retalliation determined on. But no opportunity offered till the affair of Staten Island; they immediately began to make a Party against me, in which they were warmly seconded by the valerous & entrepid General DeBorre, whose sagacity first discovered that the British Troops affixed fish Hooks to their Balls; one of which (as he informed Genl Conway) unfortunately wounded him in the Cheek as he was running away from the Enemy at Brandywine. I hear that he is now soliciting to be made a Major General, to which this important discovery, together with his military conduct in general will entitle him. This Sir was the foundation of all the Clamour raised against me, but every Engine was set at work to raise a report throughout the Country, that my Officers in general were dissatisfied with my Conduct. This report coming to the hearing of the Officers, they have met on the occasion, and the Regiments have many of them delivered in & the others are making out papers similar to the one you have enclosed from Col^o Fords Regiment. I believe some Officers in Hazen's Reg^t will not do it, but many of them have, and some conclude by saying that if they were as happy with the Field Officers of Col^o Hazen's Regim^t as with

* Head Quarters Hanover 14th Augt 1777.

Pickets as usual — A strict and regular attention to the duty of the Camp is expected as much as though the Enemy were at hand — Good officers will readily see the necessity of this, and those who cannot at present discover it, may gain knowledge from the Conduct of others.

me, they would be as happy as they could wish. I hope after having delt thus openly with Congress, & laid everything before them, The Party who have risen up against me will at least be sensible that they have injured me without cause. — I am happy that my conduct in Military Life thus far will bear the strictest scrutiny & every enquiry into it will redound to my Honour, But I am far from expecting this always to be the case, I well know that I am in common with the rest of mankind liable to Errors and it must be a miracle if I escape them all ; At the same time, though at a distance from the Senate, I know that there is a Party who would improve the first to work my ruin. This was the only motive that induced me to ask to retire from the Army ; It was not because I was weary of serving my Country, but to rescue my Reputation from Ruin : It is exceeding hard for me to fight against the Enemies of my Country, and at the same time, combat with the very Persons I am fighting for. The last action took off half my family, perhaps the next may sweep the residue, and involve me in their fate, and what is still more terrible to me, my Reputation may unjustly perish by my side. This is a poor Encouragement to sacrifice that Life, which I have often ventured in my Country's Cause, and to Exchange Domestic ease for the Dusty field of *Mars*. But as every American looks up to Congress for Justice, I cannot persuade myself that Congress will refuse either to approve my Conduct publickly, or grant me leave to retire from the Army.

I am Dear Sir with much Respect Your Excellencys most Obed^t^ Humble Servant — Jno Sullivan

His Excellency John Hancock Esqr

[*Ibid.* p. 158.]

Copy of General Sullivan's 4th *Letter to Congress, N^o^* 20

Camp near White Marsh Octo. 25th 1777.

Much Esteemed Sir — In a letter from Mr Burk, member from N^o^ Carolina dated the 12th Inst : he informs me that he has represented to Congress that I was posted with the Command on the right wing of our Army previous to the Battle of Brandywine.

2nd That I was early in the day cautioned by the Commander in Chief to be particularly attentive to the Enemy's motions, who he supposed would attempt to cross higher up the Creek. And that I was furnished with Light Troops for that purpose which I neglected, & suffered them to come upon me by a Rout I never expected.

3rd That I conveyed false Intelligence to the General, which caused him to alter his dispositions, and brought on a defeat.

4th. That when the mistake was at length discovered, I brought up my Troops by a Circuitous march, and in a disorder from which they never recovered. —

5th. That he heard my Officers Commenting in the bitterest terms that they were cursed with such a Commander, whose evil Conduct was ever productive of misfortunes to the Army.

6th. That my Troops had no confidence in my Conduct.

7th. That I had not sufficient Talents for my Rank and office, that I am void of Judgment & foresight in concerting of deliberate vigor in executing, and of presence of mind under accidents & emergencies, — from which has arisen my repeated ill success.

As the Gentleman has been generous enough to acknowledge the several points he has urged against me, it becomes my duty to remove every impression from the minds of Congress which those assertions might have made, and I doubt not Congress will indulge me in it while I treat with Decency the Gentlemen who inform me that as a member of that respectable Body he made these representations, as I wish freedom of speeches ever to be maintained in that August Assembly. I have the most sanguine hopes that the Person whose Conduct has been by mistake of a member misrepresented, may have every opportunity of removing the prejudice which those representations may have made. —

As to the first of these, it was so far from being true, that I was never sent to the Lower Ford 'till the Evening before the action, this was called Brenton's Ford. I was ordered to take Post there with my Main Body, to send a Guard to the next Ford, about a mile & half above me, another to Jones's Ford, one & half miles still higher up, and another to Buffenton's Ford, a mile above that, immediately upon my arrival, I detached the Delaware Regiment to the first Ford, one Battalion of Hazens to Jones, & another to Buffenton's. — When I received those orders, as I ever had been of opinion that the Enemy would endeavour to turn our Right, I enquired of His Excellency whether there were no Fords still higher up, to which the person who was then giving him information of the Country, replied there is none within twelve miles, the Roads leading to & from which are almost inaccessible — His Excellency also observed, that all the Light Horse of the Army were ordered on the right Wing to give Information, and of course I had no orders, or even hints to look at any other places, but those before mentioned, nor had I Light troops, or Light Horsemen furnished for the purpose, nor will any Person attempt to say it who knows the Facts. I had but four Light Horse-

men, two of which I kept at the upper Fords to bring me Intelligence. The others I kept to send Intelligence to Head Quarters. — But to this charge, as also to the second & third, which the Gentlemen has been pleased to Exhibit against me, I offer in opposition His Excellency's Declaration, copy of which is enclosed, and Congress must soon see how void of foundation they are. —

The fourth article of Charge I have fully answered in my State of the affair at Brandywine. As to the fifth & sixth articles of charge I can only say, that I think the Gentleman much mistaken, as all the officers present in my division have signed the Contrary, except part of the officers in Hazen's Regiment, the reason of which may easily be conceived. I take the opportunity of Inclosing a Copy of one from the third Maryland Regiment, but have not time to copy the others, to forward them by this opportunity — I think the Gentlemen had better taken more pains to inform himself before he made the representation, as I am confident he cannot find three in my Division that would wish to be from under my Command, not even the writer of the Letter against me who is every day expressing his sorrow for being the author of it.

As to the seventh article I can only observe that the Gentlemans Judgment is so far superior to all the Generals, & other Officers with whom I have served, and his opportunities of forming an opinion respecting my abilities so much greater, that I dare not attempt to contradict him, but leave him to enjoy what opinion of me he thinks proper — in addition to the Evidence already sent to Congress, I beg leave to enclose another from one of Lord Sterling's Aid de Camps, just now come to hand — I shall conclude with some few Remarks respecting my being repeatedly unfortunate — I am but too well convinced that our Army have been unfortunate, and as I am always in Action with them, am compell'd to take my share of the misfortunes. Those who avoid being in actions, perhaps are less unfortunate than myself. There has been but two Actions in which the Main Army have been compleatly Victorious, and I think in those I had a principal hand. I have never yet engaged separate from the Army, except on Staten Island, and I can by no means persuade myself that this was anything less than an advantageous Victory, though not so compleat as I would wish, and even if it was not, the fault was not mine. — I know it has been generally reported that I Commanded on Long Island, when the Action happened there, this is by no means true; General Putnam had taken the Command from me four days before the action. Lord Sterling Commanded the Main Body without the lines. I was to have Commanded under General Putnam within the Lines: I was uneasy about a Road through which I had

often foretold the Enemy would come, but could not persuade others to be of my opinion. I went to the Hill near Flat Bush to recconitre the Enemy, & with a Piquett of Four Hundred Men was surrounded by the Enemy, who had advanced by the very Road I had foretold, and which I had paid Horsemen fifty Dollars for Patrolling by night, while I had the Command, as I had not foot for the purpose, for which I was never reimbursed, as it was supposed necessary. — What Resistance I made with these 400 Men against the British Army, I leave to the Officers who were with me to declare. Let it suffice for me to say the opposition of the small Party lasted from half past nine to twelve O'Clock — I challenge any Person to mention a single Instance of my being unfortunate except in common with the Army, without them I have done nothing, except on Staten Island — I hope Congress will not deem my Scourging the Enemy & keeping them within their Lines during the Course of last winter with my Division alone unfortunate, or my bringing safely the Wretched Army out of Canada, which are the only separate Commands, I have ever had, where any thing important was to be done. — Then [Thus ?] sir have I endeavoured to refute all that this Gentleman has asserted concerning me, whether I have, or have not done, Congress will judge if I have removed every prejudice from their minds, which those groundless assertions have occasioned I shall be happy — If not I must content myself with having endeavoured to do it by the most open, fair and impartial state of facts that I am capable of, & by giving every Evidence in support of them, that I could conceive was necessary —

Dear Sir with much respect I am

Your most Obedient Servant

Jn° Sullivan

His Excellency John Hancock Esq.

P. S. The reason of few Troops being on Long Island, was because it was generally supposed that the Enemys landing there was only a feint to draw our Troops there that they might the more easily possess themselves of New York. I have often urged both by word & writing, that as the Enemy had doubtless both those objects in view, they would first try for Long Island, which Commanded the other, & then New York, (which was compleatly commanded by it) would fall of course. But in this I was unhappy enough to differ from almost every officer in the Army, 'till the event prov'd my Conjectures were just. J. S.

[*Ibid.* p. 159.] *Col° Pinkneys Testimony No.* 22.

Camp near Potsgrove Septr 24: 1777.

In compliance with the request of General Sullivan, that I would mention what I saw of his behaviour at the action of Brandywine on the 11th of this month, I declare when I saw him in the Engagement (which was in the Evening, about the time that General Weedon's Brigade, was brought up to the Right) He appeared to me to behave with the greatest Calmness, and Bravery; And at that time I had occasion to observe his Behaviour, as I was then with General Washington, and heard General Sullivan tell him that all the superior Officers of his Division had behaved exceedingly well, and after some other conversation with the General, General Sullivan turning to me, requested I would ride up to General Weedon, and desire him to halt Colonel Spottswoods & Col° Stephens's Regiments in the Plough'd Field, on our right, & form them there; which I did, & on my return I was informed that General Sullivan, while I was delivering his orders, had his Horse shot under him.

Charles Cotesworth Pinkney, Col°
of the 1st Contin^l Regim^t of S° Carolina.

[*Ibid.* p. 160.] *Copy of Major Willcocks Letter, N°* 23.

Camp New Hanover Septr 25, 1777.

Sir. Your letter of 24th Instant has deprived me of the pleasure of doing an unsolicited favour, for antecedent to the reception of it I had determined so far as my influence and knowledge of facts enabled me to rescue your Reputation, from the undeserved calumny thrown upon you by the Captious, and ungenerous multitude. And to convince you that my declarations are entirely uninfluenced by anything which has passed between us since the day of action, I have the further satisfaction to assure you that in retireing from the Field I more than once expressed the highest sense of your Personal Bravery, and great activity in rallying the Troops.

With respect to the arrangement of the Army, you must be sensible it was out of my province to know by whom it was determined, and of course on whose shoulders the censure, if any was incurred, ought to fall. But this circumstance may undoubtedly be ascertained from Lord Sterling, and the other General officers in the field, as your Division took its place in the Line after you had seen

them. I always supposed it to have been the result of Council. — The Enemy by good luck, or perhaps Policy, made their attack before the intended disposition of your Division, which in my opinion was remarkably advantageous, could be carried into Execution. It was therefore rather to be considered as unfortunate, as ill judged, and not to be laid at the door of any particular officer. — But Sir, whatever turns the Scale of Victory (by the by, let me digress to observe, that the Victory was ours, & the Ground was the Enemy's) — whether accident, or Design — like the ancient usage of the Jews some sacrifice must be made to the People, and it is not less frequent than to be lamented, that in the Military Department, The man who may have embarked everything in the common bottom, and bravely, but without success, defended in Person his Country's Cause, is more liable to become the Victim, than the *fortunate* Coward, or the clamerous pretender. —

The place which I have the Honour to hold in the army, naturally gave me the best opportunity of observing the Behaviour of every General Officer, in the Centre of the Line, and to my great concern, I saw you & Lord Sterling, with General Conway from the commencement of the action, until you were deserted almost by every man — ride from right to left encouraging, & driving the soldiers to their Duty, 'till the Enemy were pouring a severe fire on both flanks, and pressing on with charged Bayonets in front. Sometime before this, I thought you had exceeded the Bounds, both of Prudence and Courage. — Be assured Sir, That I claim little merit in the above narration for I defy any man, who was a Witness of your Conduct, to gainsay it. Whatever others may say, must be the effect of Caprice, or ungenerous prepossessions. —

I have the Honour to be with Respect and Esteem

Your Humble Servant

Wm Willcocks, Aid de Camp

Major General Sullivan

[*Ibid.* p. 161.] *Copy of Col° Hazens Letter, N°* 24.

Jones Ford Septr. 11th 1777.

Sir. — I received your Letter of last Evening by the bearer of this; The officer and Party which I detached to reconitre the Enemy's Camp, returned last Evening at 11 O'Clock, and brought in with him Seventeen Head of Cattle, and twenty eight sheep taken from the Enemy about one mile from Welch's Tavern and six miles from this

Place, the Cattle were taken by Captains Patterson's & Chambers of the 12th P. R. and delivered up to Ensign Fellows of my Regiment, who was at that time with his Party in sight, tho not so near as to assist. nothing more new, all is quiet in this Quarter, shall wait your orders with respect to the Cattle, and shall detain a Milch Cow, for a few days if you have no objection, as there is 10 of them amongst the 17 abovementioned. —

I am Sir Your very Hble Servt

Moses Hazen

To The Hon'ble John Sullivan Esq.

[*Ibid.* p. 162.] *Genl Conways Certificate, No* 25.

I do hereby certify, that on the 11th Septr Major Genl Sullivan shewed all the Bravery, and Coolness, that can be expected from a Man of Honour, during the Action, and all the possible activity after the rout to rally the Troops. Genl Sullivan having come up with his Division, when the Enemy was within half a mile of our front, the short time left to his troops in order to form was hardly sufficient for well disciplined troops, and well exercised, and by no means sufficient for the troops of this Army, who appear to me to manœuvre upon false Principles, and where I cannot discover as yet, the least notion of displaying Columns, and forming briskly upon all Emergencies.

The Division of the Right had full time to form, the ground upon which said Division was to draw up, was exceedingly favourable, and if part of the Division was not formed compleatly before the Engagement, The fault cannot be imputed to Genl Sullivan, who altho: he had a right to take the right of the Line, took the Left, in order to save time, a proof that the Division of the Right had full time to form. That Lord Sterling's Division, which was the next to it, was completely formed when the Enemy appeared: This is my sincere opinion, the true cause of the loss of the Battle must be known to all those who are acquainted with what passed that day, and two days before the action.

Given under my hand at Flacland [?] Camp the Twenty day of September 1777.

Thos Conway, Brigr Genl

To Major Genl Sullivan. —

[*Ibid.* p. 163.]

The Marquis La Fayette's Certificate N° 26.

Dear Sir — I would have been glad you had let me know the form of the certificate you are wanting; such a want seems to me so extraordinary after having seen you in the field, that I did not know how to express my being so sensible of your bravery as by telling you what every soldier who was with us that day must be acquainted with — I did not answer directly to your request, because I was engaged in business with Gen[l] Washington — I will always do myself the greatest pleasure to pay a due justice to your merit, and desire your being no less convinced of my affection. —

I am Yours
The Marquis La Fayette

Camp near White Marsh 1st Nov[r] [1777.]

Tho' very far from thinking that Major Gen[l] Sullivan cou'd ever want such a certificate, however it is with the greatest pleasure, that according to his own desire, I repeat here how sensible I have been of his bravery at the affair of Brandywine the 11th September — I can assure him that such courage as he show'd that day will always deserve the praises of every one —

The Marquis La Fayette
Major Gen[l] in the Army of the Unit[d] States of America.

[*Ibid.* p. 164.]

Certificate from Gen[l] Washington's Aid de Camps N° 28

Head Quarters Septr. 21, 1777

Dear Sir — We have just received your favor of yesterday, desiring from us a Testimony of your Conduct, so far as it fell under our observation, the day of the Battle on the Brandywine.

As we had not the pleasure of seeing you in the fore part of that action, when the Line at large was Engaged, we are unable from our own knowledge, to say anything of your Conduct at that time; — But we can cheerfully testify in justice to your reputation, that when we had an opportunity of seeing you, it was in circumstances which did you Honour. — This was from the time you rode up and joined

Gen[l] Weedon's Brigade 'till your Horse was wounded. — You were employed in animating and encouraging the Men to their duty, both by your Words and example; and in every Respect behaved with becoming bravery, and activity. —

We have the Honour to be Sir

Your most Obed[t] Serv[ts]

A. Hamilton, John Laurens

Aid de Camps to his Exc'y General Washington

Major Gen[l] Sullivan

[*Ibid.* p. 165.] *Major Fleurey's Certificate, N°* 29.

I do hereby declare to have seen Major Gen[l] Sullivan, in the Battle between Brandywine, & Birmingham Meeting House, the 11th September 1777 —

1st Rallying his men with great Ardour.

2[ndly] His Endeavours being unsuccessfull, I saw him at L[d] Sterlings Division, which was fighting upon the Hill.

3[rdly] This Division Retreating, he try'd to rally same, and put them behind the fences. —

4[thly] This position not being attacked, he forms again, the Troops near the Road, behind a House, to the left of General Green's Division, where he fought till night, and where his Horse got wounded. —

I declare upon my Honour that he appeared to behave like a brave, & cool man.

Fleury Brig[de] Major

At Camp near Schuylkill 23 feb'ry 1777. [1778.]

To Major Gen[l] Sullivan. —

[*Ibid.* p. 166.]

Copy of General Washingtons Letter to General Sullivan N° 30.

Head Quarters Octr. 24, 1777 —

Dear Sir — It ever has been, & I hope ever will be, a ruling Principle with me to endeavour to do impartial justice to every officer over whom I have the Honour to preside.

I shall therefore, in answer to the Queries contained in your Letter of this date, readily declare. — That although I ascribed the misfortune which happened to us on the 11th of September, principally to the Information of Major Spears, transmitted to me by you: yet I never blamed you for conveying that Intelligence. On the contrary, considering from whom, and in what manner it came to you, I should have thought you Culpable in concealing it. The Majors Rank, Reputation, & knowledge of the Country gave him a full claim to Credit & Attention. —

His Intelligence was no doubt a most unfortunate Circumstance; as it served to derange the disposition that had been determined on, in consequence of prior information of the Enemy's attempt to turn & attack our Righ Flank, which ultimately proving true, too little time was left us after discovering its certainty to form a new Plan, and make adequate arrangements, to prevent its success. Hence arose that hurry, and consequently confusion, which afterwards ensued; But it was not your fault that the Intelligence was effectually found to be erroneous. —

With respect to your other queries, whether your being Posted on the right was to guard that Flank, and if you had neglected it, I can only observe that the obvious, if not declared purpose of your being there, implied every necessary precaution for the security of that flank: But it is at the same time to be remarked that all the Fords, above Chad's, which we were taught to apprehend danger from, were Guarded by Detachments from your Division, and that we were led to believe by those whom we had reason to think well acquainted with the Country, that no Ford above our Piquets could be passed without making a very circuitous march. — Upon the whole then no part of your Conduct preceding the action, was in my judgement reprehensible. What happened on your march to the Field of Battle, your Disposition there, and behaviour during the action, I can say nothing about, no part 'till the retreat commenced having come under my immediate observation.

I can only add therefore, that the whole Tenour of your Conduct, so far as I have had opportunities of judging, has been spirited and active.

I am Dear Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

G° Washington

To Major Genl Sullivan

[Extract from General Washington's letter to Congress dated "Camp near Pennibacker's Mill Oct. 5, 1777." . . . . "In justice to General Sullivan and the whole right wing of the army, whose con-

duct I had an opportunity of observing, as they acted immediately under my eye. — I have the pleasure to inform you that both officers and men behaved with a degree of gallantry that did them the highest honor." The above refers to the battle at Germantown, where General Sullivan's division led the attack. — Ed.]

[*Ibid.* p. 167.] *Copy of Col° Richardson's Letter, N°* 31.

Camp 13th October 1777

Sir. — It gives me concern that any Gentleman should assert that the officers in your Division are universally dissatisfied under your Command, and I expect that upon Enquiry the assertion will prove groundless; but be that as it may, I think my duty to observe, that with respect to myself & the officers of my Regiment (except those of the two companies which have been with you this whole Campaign, & who I daresay will give their Candid Testimony upon this occasion) it cannot effect us, as we have been with you but a few days — Not long enough to form any Judgement of your good or bad Conduct, or to be pleased or displeased with you as a Commander. Suffice it to say, that so far as we have experienced, we rest very happy in our situation, and wish not for a removal. —

As to myself candor obliges me to confess, that when I first joined the Army, my wishes led me to be under General Green, they took rise from a personal acquaintence with the General, & the high opinion I had conceived of his Military abilities — Not from any disrespect, or dislike to any other General Officer, most of whom, yourself in particular were strangers to me. —

I have the Honour to be very respectfully Sir
Your most Obedt Servt
W. Richardson [5th Maryland Reg.]

Major General Sullivan —

[*Ibid.* p. 168.]

Copy address of The officers of Col° Richardsons Regt who joined the army previous to Engagement with the Enemy — N° 32 —

Camp 14th October 1777

We the subscribers (Officers belonging to the 5th Maryland Regiment) do hereby Certify, that we have been in Major General Sulli-

van's Division ever since he came down from the Peekskill, during which time we Considered ourselves very happy under his Command. Nor do we recollect ever to have dropped a disrespectfull Sentiment of him, or to have had the least Cause to Censure his Conduct upon any Occasion whatever.

Jesse Cosden Capt
Perry Benson Lieu^{t}
Hervey Truelock Ens^{n}

Major General Sullivan.

[A certificate from Major Edwards, Aid to Major-General Lord Sterling, is printed in Vol. VIII. p. 743. — Ed.]

[*Ibid.* p. 169.] *Certificate of Lieut. Erskine, N°* 33.

Sir. — I have just now been informed by Major Taylor, that you have been told by some Persons, that all the Officers of this Regiment are very uneasy at being under your Command, that you were desirous to know their minds on the subject — I have only to observe for my own part that if I could reconcile myself as well to the Conduct of the Officers with whom I am more immediately concerned (I mean the Field Officers of Col^{o} Hazens Regim^{t}) I could live in the Army as happy as I could wish —

I am Sir Your most Obedient & very Humb^{l} Servt

John Erskine —

Major Genl Sullivan —

[*Ibid.* p. 170.]

Address from Officers in Col^{o} Hazens Reg^{t} N° 34.

Sir. — We the subscribers, from a real sense of our duty to our Country, and in compliance with your orders of the 13th Instant Octr with sincere Hearts, & without the least Reservation, declare, while we have had the Honour to be in your Division, have had no Reason to dislike your Conduct in Commanding the Division, nor did we either ever in word or deed, express the least dislike to your Conduct, but that we may still have the Honor, as well as the satisfaction to be Commanded by one, who from the beginning of this unnatural

contest, has so nobly distinguished himself in the Cause of his Country, is the earnest Prayer of

Hon^{d} Sir Your Honours most devoted
& very Humble Servants

Lyman Hitchcock Brig^{de} Major
of the 2nd Maryl^{d} : Brigade
Willm Manson Lieutenant
Palmer Cady Ensign

To Major General John Sullivan

[*Ibid.* p. 171.] *Address of Col° Fords Regim^{t} N°* 35.

Camp Octr 14th 1777.

Sir. It is with real Regret, we find ourselves constrained to refute a Charge that has been falsely & malicious propagated, that the officers in your Division were dissatisfied with you as their Commander. Our Duty to ourselves, & justice to you, induce us to declare, that we have not the least desire to be removed from our present Commander, and if we were left to Chuse for ourselves, we are happy in saying we have our Choice, we can only lament that the Clamour of a few Individuals should be ushered into the World, as the Eccho of the whole of your Division. We wish you to continue with us while the unhappy times require it, and shall ever be happy in meriting the attention you have shown us on every occasion, and have the Honour of being Sir with the greatest Regard

Your most Ob^{t} Humble Serv^{ts}

Benjamin Ford Lt Col°	Oner Hammond En^{s}
Robt Harris Capt	George Ireland L^{t}
Alexander Trueman Capt	Charles Beaver Ensign
John Ghiselin Capt	John Geoghegan Ensign
Benj Scott Lieu^{t}	Richd Donovan Adjut.
Mich^{l} Dougherty Lieu^{t}	James Somerville Lieut.
Geo: Jacobs Lieut.	John J. Jacobs Lieut
Edward Floyd Wailes Ens^{n}	

The above are all the officers at present in Camp. The Sentiments of those absent I know to be similar to ours. —

B. Ford

To Major General Sullivan

[*Ibid.* p. 172.]

Address from the officers of the Delaware Regiment, N° 36.

Sir. — Agreeable to your request in the order of this day, informing the officers of your Division, That you were inform'd in the hearing of His Excellency, that the officers were universally dissatisfied with your Command, and had no confidence in you, as an officer. — We the subscribers officers in the Delaware Regiment, in Justice to you and ourselves, do declare, That we repose the highest Confidence in you as an officer, and are entirely satisfied with your Command, and do not wish you to be succeeded by any other.

John Patton — Capt Command^{t}
Rob. Kirkwood — Capt
John Corse — Lieut.
Geo. Purvis — Lieut.
Paul Luenonault D°
James Brattam — D°
Henry Duff — D°
Caleb Brown — D°
Jos. Wild — D°
Ja^{s} Marre — Capt
Ja^{s} Campbell — Ensign
Caleb Bennett — D°
Charles Kidd — Ensign
D. Powell Cox — Lieut. D. R.
Jos. Horseman, Ensign D. R.
John Rhodes — Lieut. D. R.
David Hall j^{r} — Col°
Chas Popple — Col°
John Vaughan — Major
Enoch Anderson — Capt
John Learmon, Capt. D. R.
Reuben Gilder — Lt D. R.

To Major General Sullivan

[*Ibid.* p. 173.] *Address of Artillery Officers, N° 37.*

Camp October 27th 1777.

Sir — The other day to my no little surprize, I saw in your Honours Orders, a demand of the reasons why the Commissioned Officers so generally disliked you, as Commander of the Division &c. — For my own part, & the other subscribers hereto, being officers of Artillery under your Command, never even heard any insinuations of the mal kind, but to the contrary, thought you was generally beloved by the whole core. We however esteem ourselves much honoured & happy under you, and would wish to be commanded by none other.—

We remain, with due respect
Your Honours most Obedient & very Humble Servants
Thomas Seward, Captain — Thomas Deane, Capt Lieut.
Eli Parsons first Lieut. — John Sleman, Capt Lieut.
Thos Bailey 2nd Lieut.

To Major Genl Sullivan

[*Ibid.* p. 174.]

Col° Gunbeys Certificate in behalf of the officers of his Reg^t N° 38.

Dear General — From what has been said relative to the officers of your Division being much dissatisfied with you as their Commander, I take this method to assure you that I have consulted the officers of my Regiment whether any of them were dissatisfied with being under your Command, they all assured me they are not, that since they first joined the Division they never have had the least reason to censure any part of your Conduct, and would not wish to be Commanded by any one else in your stead.

From Your very Humble Servant

John Gunby, Col°
7th Maryl^d Regiment

To The Hon'ble Major Genl Sullivan —

[*Ibid.* p. 175.] *Major Sterett's Letter, N°* 39.

Camp October 17th 1777 —

Sir — I must beg that you will excuse me for my neglect in not informing you sooner, whether the officers of the First Maryland Regiment were satisfied or dissatisfied with being in the Division commanded by you. — I believe I have collected the sense of most of them and can with pleasure inform you that they hitherto have been and still continue to be pleased under your Command, and many of them (when it was reported that you was to leave the Division) said and earnestly wished to my knowledge that you would continue to Command it. These are also my Sentiments in the matter.

I have the honour to be with Respect Sir
Your most hble Servt

Wm Sterett, Major 1st Mary^d Reg^t

The Honble Major Genl Sullivan

[*Ibid.* p. 176.]

Address of the 3d Maryland Regiment, N° 40.

Camp 13th Octr, 1777 —

Sir. — We the officers of the 3rd Maryland Regiment beg leave to assure your Honour, that so far from wishing you to be removed from your Present Command, we esteem ourselves peculiarly fortunate in serving under you. Justice & Gratitude obliges us to acknowledge; that we have ever found you attentive to the Complaints, and ready & willing to redress the grievances and supply the wants of both us & our men, as far as fell within the Line of your Duty.

And with respect to confidence in you as a Commander, we chearfully acknowledge that altho' we should be very unwilling to be esteemed Cowards, yet we deprecate the day when we shall be called upon to make an attack, in which we think you would be afraid to lead us on; or reduced to circumstances so intricate and difficult, that your Prudence and Knowledge would not be amply sufficient to extricate us.

Upon the whole Sir, we are extreamly happy, and pleased with our situation, and our sincere wishes are, that your Life, and Health may be long spar'd for a scourge to British Tyranny, and that we may act a Part with your approbation, and Continue to be favoured with that polite attention, which we hitherto experienced. —

We are Sir Your Very Humble Servants

Nat. Ramsey Lt Colo	John Toomy Lieut.
Jos. Marbury Captn.	Wm Willmott 1st Lieut.
Saml Griffith Captn.	Peter Clark Lieut.
John Gists Captn.	James Allison Lieut.
John Smith Lieut.	Richd Chenowrth Lt
Saml Jones Lieut.	John James Ensign
Horatio Clagett Lieut.	Isaac Duvall Ensign
G. Armstrong Lieut.	Samuel Farmer Ensign

To Major General Sullivan.

[*Ibid.* p. 177.]

Address from Colonel Prices Regt N° 41.

Division Orders Octr. 13th 1777 —

The General is extreamly sorry to inform the officers of his Division, that he was yesterday informed, in the hearing of the Com-

mander in Chief; that the officers of his Division were universally dissatisfied with being under his Command, and had no Confidence in him as an officer, and that they had declared it publickly in many Places, and at all opportunities — This report so injurious to them if false, and to him if true, he wishes to have cleared up. He therefore desires every Commanding officer to give him Candidly their sentiments upon this matter, he promises them that if any considerable part of his officers are uneasy under his Command, he shall take it kind in them to let him know it, and will immediately remove their difficulties by quitting the Division the instant he finds they wish for it. — But if on the Contrary the report has no foundation in Truth; he expects & desires them to take the proper steps to bear their Publick Testimony against it. —

(Signed) Lewis Morris A. D. C.

In answer to the above orders, We the subscribers, officers of the 2nd Maryland Regiment, now in Genl Sullivan's Division, do declare, that we have not at any time expressed any dissatisfaction, at being Commanded by him; neither have we a wish, nor the least desire, that the Division should be Commanded by any other officer —

Thos Price, Colo	E. F. Dyer Lieutenant
Thos Woolford, Lt Colo	John Gassaway, Lieut.
Archd Anderson, Capt	James Ewing, Lieutenant
John Eccleston, Capt	Hezekiah Foard, Ensign
Solomon Long, Capt	Wm Wheeller, Ensign
Lilburn Williams, Lieut	Jno Hardman, Lieut
Benja Price, Lt	

[John Sullivan was appointed a brigadier-general June 22, 1775, and was promoted to major-general August 9, 1776. Biographical sketches of him may be found in the work recently published by the State of New York, entitled "General John Sullivan's Indian Expedition, 1779," and in Amory's "Life of Sullivan."

The foregoing documents show that he was not only exonerated from all blame in regard to the Staten Island expedition, and the battle of Brandywine, but was endorsed by Congress and the officers in his division. That he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of Washington, and of Congress, is abundantly proved by his being selected for the command of the army in Rhode Island, in 1778, and the command of the expedition against the Indians in western New York, in 1779, — the latter requiring a person of bravery, energy, and prudence; with a mind fertile in resources, and competent to act upon short notice, as circumstances might require. He filled both posi-

tions with credit and honor, and received the thanks of Congress, and of the Legislature of New Hampshire, for his conduct. In Congress September 9, 1778, the following was passed:

"*Resolved*, That the retreat made by General Sullivan, with the troops under his command, from Rhode Island, was prudent, timely and well conducted, and that Congress highly approve the same.

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of Congress be given to Major General Sullivan, and the officers and troops under his command, for their fortitude and bravery, displayed in the action of August 29th, in which they repulsed the British forces, and maintained the field."

(See also State Papers, N. H., Vol. VIII. p. 805.)

General Sullivan's health was impaired by the hardships and anxiety of the Indian expedition, and on November 30, 1779, he retired from the army, and returned to his home. In the House of Representatives, Februrary 18, 1780, "Voted, That the Hon^{bl} President of the Council & the Speaker pro Tem^{o} of the House of Representatives, be desired to wait on the Honble Maj^{r} Genl Sullivan (now in town) and in the name & behalf of the Genl Court of this State congratulate him on his safe return and the recovery of his health, and also give him thanks for his good services."

The latter they perfomed as follows. — Ed.]

[*Ibid.* p. 178.]

Sir — The Council & Assembly of the State of New hampshire in General Assembly convened are gratefully impressed with a lively sense of the merit of such of their Brethren as nobly stept forth in the hour of Distress & Danger and hazzarded their lives in Defence of their Country and we assure you Sir that the Readiness with which you left your nearest & dearest Connections to undergo the fatigues dangers and hardships of a military life and so often to encounter the enemy in the field of Battle in defence of every thing that is held Dear by the good people of these States, merits our warmest approbation & acknowledgement. — It was with great regret that we were informed that your Health would not permit your longer Continuence in the army. We do in the name and by the Direction of the Legislature of this State congratulate you on your signal successes the year past, on your safe arrival in this State and the measure of health you have recovered & specially thank you for your past services — We doubt not that while you remain among us you will exert yourself as fully in support of the Civil Rights of the people as you Bravely opposed their enemies in the field.

[The foregoing, which seems to be a first draft, is endorsed, "Copy of an Address to Gen[l] Sullivan." — Ed.]

[*Colonel Bedel to General Gates*, 1778. *Bedel Papers, New Hampshire Historical Society, p.* 29.]

Col. Hazen has communicated his business to me, and I most sincerely rejoice in the Probability of an expedition into Canada. I see no kind of Difficulty attending it, by the rout or routs proposed, there are three Different routs either of which I think is very Practicable viz Directly from hence to S[t] Johns, to the river Mosca, and to S[t] Francois, all and every of which is marked on Col: Hazens plan -- I shall by and with the advice of Gen[l] Bayley and Col: Hazen have them all surveyed immediately. I shall also send three Different Partys to Different Parts of Canada, for intelligence, with orders to return with all possible expedition, a considerable quantity of Provisions both flower and meat may be had at this place, forage is plenty I have eighty Tuns at the service of my Country if wanted — for other Particulars I must refer you to the bearer Col: Hazen — and shall hold myself in readiness with the remainder of my Reg[t] at this place for your Hon[rs] further orders must beg to remind you of some Cloathing for my men.

[The foregoing is copied from a retained copy, and bears no date. No doubt but it should be 1778. — Ed.]

[*Major Dearborn Recommended for Promotion.*]

[Original in Department of State, Washington, D. C.]

Sir Camp at the Valley Forge Jan[y] 3[d] 1778

I would beg leave to recommend Major Henry Dearborn, who is the Eldest Major in the New Hampshire State, to fill the Vacancy made by Lieu[t] Colonel Colburn of Colonel Scammell's Regim[t] Killed the 19th Septem[r] last. —

His Excellency Gen[l] Washington Enoch Poor, B. Gen[l]

[Endorsed] Major Dearborn Commission'd

[R. 5-117] [*Order to Enlist a Company*, 1778.]

State of New Hamp^{r} } To Capt Daniel Reynolds.

Pursuant to a vote of Council and Assembly you together with Lieu^{t} John Mills and Lieu^{t} Timothy Blake are appointed to Enlist a Company of Soldiers consisting of Fifty men officers included to serve the United States until the first day of January 1779 unless sooner discharged, to be stationed in the State of Rhode Island, unless some necessity should require their removal, but in no case to be marched out of the New England States or the State of New York. You are to enlist none but good ablebodied and effective men, and who are well accoutred. And you are to pay every such Soldier on his enlisting six Pounds as a Bounty, and assure them they shall each receive Fifteen Dollars p^{r} Month while in Service, one Months pay to be advanced them by the Muster Master, also three pence p^{r} mile for travel money from their homes to Providence in the State of Rhode Island.

You will have an order on the Treasurer for money to pay Bounties, and to proceed with Expedition in raising the men and presenting them to the Muster Master appointed to muster your Company — You are to receive Two Dollars pr man for each Soldier you enlist who passes muster, and the same wages as an officer of your Rank in the Continental army. If you enlist Twenty men you will have a commission to be Captain of said Company.

By order of the Council & Assembly

M. Weare Presid^{t}

Jan^{ry} 2^{d} 1778.

[R. 5-118] [*Petition of John Betton, Soldier*, 1778.]

To the Honble the General assembly of the State of New hampshire — The petition of John Betton being a soldier in Col^{o} Timothy Biddles Regiment and Capt. James Osgoods Company — Your petitoner Humbly sheweth that he was taken Captive (at the Ceders in Canada) by the Indians in the mounth of May 1776 and being often Insulted by the Savages and my life threatened yet by the Providence of God my life was preserved tho afterwards they strip^{t} me of every thing that I was possessed of except my Britches and was forced by them to walk seven miles naked except the before mentioned Britches — your Petitioner therefore humbly pray that you would allow me pay for my loss at the above place — the articles are exhibited in an

attested account of the same which was the whole that your Petitioner was possessed of in the world at that time and your petitioner shall ever pray John Betton

Jan^ry 17th 1778.

[R. 5–121] [*Enlistment Document*, 1778.]

We the Subscribers Do hereby severally inlist ourselves in the Service of the united States of America in the Company under the Command of Captain Nathaniel Hutchens to continue in that Sarvice Two years from the Date of our Inlistment unless sooner Discharged, and each of us do engage to furnish Cartoch Box knapsack and Blankit hereby promis Obediance to the officers set over us and to be subject in every respect to all ruls and regulations that are or may be apponted for the armey of the aforesaid state —

N. B. The names of those who are hereunto annexed Do acknowledg having Recvd the sum of twenty Dollers Bounty as Solders in the Continental army

Amos Barns george hogg his hand

January ye 20th 1778

March ye 10th 1778

Dr. The State of N. Hampshire To Capt Nathl Hutchins for the Bounty of Three Soldiers by me Enlisted

at £6. 0. 0 ℔ man £18. 0. 0

Nathl Hutchins

the above three men named

Amos Barns ✓George Hogg Thomas Jameson

[*Hazen to Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 52.]

Albany 29th Jany 1778 —

Sir:—The Genl Place of Rendezvous for the expedition to Canada will be at Onion River where you will meet us by the 20th February without fail by such a Rout as you may judge proper, with all the Men and Volunteers you have or possibly can collect for the present purpose. Major Whitcomb will I suppose join you in the Rout you take. I wish you would send into Canada in order to obtain

further information and to meet us precisely at the time and place above mentioned from your experience you will see the necessity of such a measure —

Col: Bedel Am Sir yours Moses Hazen Col.

[*General Conway to Colonel Bedel. Ibid.*]

Albany 15th February 1778 —

Sir — Colo. Hazen having wrote to you by order of the Board of War to raise a Number of Men for the Expedition of Canada and to proceed with said Men to Onion River the general Rendezvous, As the Troops in this Department are not likely to March as soon as it was expected, you are directed to remain with your Troops at Co'os until further orders, and to send immediately to this place, an exact Return of the Men you have Collected, you'll please to Direct your Letter to Marquiss De La Fayette and in his absence to me —

I am Sir your most Obedient Humble Servant

Colo: Bedel Thos Conway M. Genl

[R. 5–123] [*Order to Captain Giddinge, 1778.*]

State of N. Hampr In Committee of Safety Feby 6th 1778

To Capt Eliphalet Giddinge Sr You are desired to Muster the two men brot by Danl Hoit but you are not to pay the bounty to them or any others who shall not Inlist for three years or During the war — M. Weare Chrn

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[R. 5–123] [*Nute's Petition.*]

Strafford ss. to Honourable Counsell and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Asembly at Exeter Convened February 1778

the Humble Petition of Leut Samuell Nute of Rochester Humbly Sheweth John Nute a Soldier in Cap McDuffee Company in Corl Stephen Evens Regiment in General Whipple Brigade who was taken sick at Oakham after the Serender Burgwine army & was at a Great

Expence in my Sickness and by the help of my Brother Sam[l] Nute was Brought home So your Petitioner Prays your Honours in your great wisdom would consider y[e] Expence in his Sickness and order y[e] Doctors Bill & his Nursing may Be Paid or otherwise as your Honours think fit and your Petitioner in Duty Bound shall Ever Pray

Rochester February y[e] 6 Day 1778 John Nute

[R. 5–124]

[This document is a petition from Abiel Holt, of Temple, dated February 6, 1778. He stated that he was taken sick in the service at Fort Edward, was sick a long time, and asked for an allowance. He was in Captain Gershom Drury's Company, Colonel Daniel Moor's Regiment. — Ed.]

[R. 5–125]

[Petition of Francis Powers, of Hollis, dated February 10, 1778. He stated that on the way from Charlestown to Manchester, Vt., he loaned his horse to some sick soldiers and lost it; also that he was left behind to take care of sick men, in consequence of which he was in the service eight days longer than was allowed on the pay roll. Attested by John Goss, his captain, Thomas Kemp, and Isaac Stearns. — Ed.]

[R. 5–125]

[Petition of Nathaniel Perkins, of Rochester. He stated that he was in the service in 1775 and 1776, in Jonathan Wentworth's Company, at Cambridge, and in Canada, was sick, and sent home. He wanted Doctor James Howe paid for attending him. Petition dated February 12, 1778. — Ed.]

[R. 5–126] [*Captain John Moody's Petition*, 1778.]

To the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Court Convened — the Petition of Cap[t] John Moody of Gilmantown — Humbly Sheweth that in the month of December in the year 1776 he and the Company of Melitia under his command being part of Colonel Nahum Baldwin's Regiment from this State were regular discharged being then at North

Castle in the State of New York that on his Return home sundry of the officers & soilders belonging to said Company were in such poor state of health that they were not able to traviel and being without money to help themselves with whereupon your memorialist left Lt Josiah Sanborn — Serjant Robert Bryant — Gideon Robinson, & Samuel Gilman at the town of Redding in the State of Connecticut also left Serjant Joseph March to attend on the abovesaid sick and returned his selfe to Gilmantown and procured money to pay the expences of the abovesaid officers & men and Immediately set out after them the account of the cost and expences I herewith transmit — wherefore your memorialist prays for himself as well as for the men that you will take the matter under Consideration & order such pay for himself and men with the expences as in your great wisdom shall appear just — and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

Gilmantown February ye 15th 1778. John Moody Capt

[R. 5–128]

[Captain Benjamin Stone's bill for recruiting men in Plymouth, Rumney, Holderness, etc., amounting to £80; also his printed order to enlist men. — Ed.]

[R. 5–129] [*Captain Simon Marston's Petition*, 1778.]

To the Honble the Council and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in general Court convened — Humbly Shew The officers & soldiers of the late Battalion of Troops raised in this State for the Defence of the New England States & commanded by Lieu^{t} Col^{o} Joseph Senter Esq — That they humbly concieve That by reason of the extraordinary rise of the Articles necessary for the upholding Life the wages for which they engaged are quite inadequate to the duty by them performed — That your hon^{rs} having voted the same bounty & double the wages, for those Troops now raising for the same service they beg leave humbly to submit to your wise Consideration whether it is not making a discouraging Discrimination unless they are put upon an equality with those to be raised — especially as the whole of their wages are to this Day unpaid & due — Wherefore they pray that an order may be past for their being paid, as those are to be paid which are now raising, & that justice may be done them — And as bound shall pray &c

Simon Marston Capt

Feby 19th 1778 In behalf of the officers & soldiers

[R. 5-130.]

[*Petition from Officers Relative to Losses,* 1778.]

To the Honb^le^ the Council & house of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in General Court Assembled. — Humbly Shew The Subscribers, Officers in the Battallions of New Hampshire Troops in the Continental Army —

That at the sudden evacuation and precipitate retreat at Ticonderoga they lost all their Baggage, & cloathing to a considerable amount, except what they had on, that afterward they were taken by the enemy & carried into Captivity, in which they suffered incredible hardships and must have perished but for the kindness of Capt Freeman formerly of Boston now in Canada whose humanity prompted him to lend them One Hundred & Eighty Dollars, whereby they were enabled to procure themselves a scanty subsistance — that after a long and tedious confinement they were (they know not how) exchang'd & transported to New York where they were dismissed almost naked and destitute of every means of supporting themselves on the way home, which they could not have reached but for the Charitable assistance of the People by the way — That they are now unable to supply themselves with cloathing & other things necessary in order to their joining their respective regiments & to discharge their debt of Honour to Capt Freeman. —

Wherefore they pray your honours to take their case into your wise consideration — That you would please to repair their Loss (great to them) at Ticonderoga — enable them honourably to discharge their Obligation to Capt Freeman, & to equip themselves that they may speedily return to their Duty in their Respective Regiments as their Bleeding country requires — And as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c. —

Ebenezer Frye	Thomas Hardy	William Bradford
James Carr	Moses Dustin	Asa Senter
Caleb Robinson	Joshua Merrow	

[R. 5-131]

State of New Hamp^r^ In the House of Representatives Feb^ry^ 26th 1778 — The Committee on the Petition of Ebenezer Frye, James Carr, Caleb Robinson, Thomas Hardie, Moses Dustin, Joshua Merrow, William Bradford and Asa Senter Officers of this State lately Captivated and carried to Canada made Report as follows viz The Committee beg leave to report their opinion that the Petitioners shall on Lodging an account under oath with the Board of War, be

supplied with such articles of Cloathing as they lost at Ticonderoga, at the prices stipulated by the late Regulating act. But as they are under marching orders to join their Regiments and there is at this time no Cloathing made up for them in the stores & they not being able to receive their wages till they join the army the Committee recommend that the President give orders that each of the Petitioners receive out of the Treasury one hundred pounds to fit them out, to be by them accounted for hereafter: & it appearing that the Petitioners had drawn a Bill on the Treasurer of this State for the sum of one hundred and eighty Dollars advanced them by Capt Freeman, it is the opinion of the Committee that the Treasurer honour the said Bill as soon as may be, & that the Petitioners be accountable for the same — signed Josiah Bartlett, Chairman — Which Report being read & considered — Voted, That the same be received & accepted —

Sent up for Concurrence.

John Dudley Speakr p. tem

In Council Febry 27th 1778 — Read & Concurred

E. Thompson Secry

[*Conway to Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 52.]

Albany 16th February 1778 —

Sir — As the Articles absolutely necessary for the Expedition of Canada are far from being ready, and as we are very much disappointed as to the Numbers of Continental Troops; I must again pray you to remain at Co'os and not to proceed to Onion River untill further orders. I wish you would send me a Return of what Men you have properly Equipt and fit for a long March —

I am with Regard

your most Obt huml Servt

Thos Conway M. Genl

[*Ibid.* p. 52.]

Sir — The foregoing are Copies of Orders and Letters relating to the Canada Expedition begun in the year 1777 I have a number more Letters upon the subject, which I have not Copied, being much to the same substance — the above Extract is the date of my Commission and from whom; I have not received one farthing for the

Expences I was put to for procuring articles by Gen[l] Gates Orders, for said Expedition only what I received from you — The Men have been paid by the Public — Tim[o] Bedel

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[*Ibid.* p. 54.]

Haverhill 7th Feb[y] 1778

Rec[d] of Colo: Timothy Bedel Nineteen Hundred Dollars, for the purpose of Raising Men which I promise to be accountable for —

John Wheelock L[t] Colo.
in Colonel Timothy Bedels Regiment of Volunteers

[*Receipt. Bedel Papers, p.* 76.]

Received this Day of L[t] Colonel J[n] Wheelock the sum of four Hundred Dollars voted by the Continental Congress to be paid to the men inlisted in a Regiment of Volunteers commanded by Colonel Timothy Bedel, ingag'd on an expedition into Canada — For which money I hereby promise to be accountable — Witness my hand the 10 Day of Febry, 1778

Joseph Taylor Capt[n]
in Col[o] Bedels regimint of Volunteers

[*Bedel to General Gates. Bedel Papers, p.* 56.]

Albany 14th March 1778

Sir — Agreeable to your orders I raised my Reg[t] — but it was not in my power to supply them with every necessary for the Expedition as I informed your Honour in a former Letter — I also rec[d] a Letter from Brig[r] Starks informing he had the Comm[d] of the Expedition, and also informed me there was every necessary supply ordered to be forwarded immediately to Co'os, immediately after the Rec[t] of his Letter I rec[d] orders from Colo: Hazen to march that the Marquiss de la Fayette had the Command. I immediately mustered my Men found the Reg[t] Compleat and some over, the day we were to march I rec[d] orders from Gen[l] Conway to remain at Co'os untill further orders and in a day or two after rec[d] orders from the Marquiss to repair to Albany, and I find the Expedition entirely stop[t] I had a large number of Indians with me ready to march and every necessary

provided, except blankets, for all which I have never rec^{d} one Shilling Public Money only what I borrowed in a Private way — I have ever had the most favorable Intelligence from Canada that co^{d} be got by Indians who are daily coming in begging something might be done in that Quarter or they wo^{d} be utterly Ruin'd as they have been back to Canada and made a Return they dare not be seen in Canada as they are some suspected I have done all in my Power for the Expedition sho^{d} be glad your Honour wou^{d} inform me how I must make good the remittance I have been able to obtain for the furnishing my Men, as I find no supply of Cash in this Place, and my orders being from your Honour and every thing attended with great expence sho^{d} be glad of your Honours orders and what must be done with the poor Savages now in the woods about Co'os. I write more freely as it is at their desire. The Flagg which went to St Johns with Lt Singleton was made Prisoners before they arrived there and sent immediately to Montreal and put in Close Goal which is the last I have heard about them we are informed of it by both Deserters & Indians (T. Bedel)

To General Gates

[R. 5–133]

[Petition of Thomas Archibald, of Londonderry, in Captain Daniel Runnell's Company in 1776. Stated that he was overturned in a boat going from Horse Neck to Fishkill, caught cold which settled in his knee and rendered him unfit for service and for labor. He asked for an allowance. See Vol. XII. p. 462. — Ed.]

[R. 5–134]

[Ensign Jonathan Leavitt's statement relative to one of his men's enlisting into the Continental service. See Vol. VIII. p. 785. — Ed.]

[R. 5–135] [*Captain Robinson to Board of War.*]

Exeter March 16th 1778 — S^{r} by the Bearer have sent to you the Following Articles for Clothing which is wanted Immediately to be made up

12 P^{s} Green Serge for Coats & Breeches $2\frac{3}{4}$ allow'd for Coats & $1\frac{1}{4}$ for Breeches. —

$37\frac{1}{2}$ yds fine plain for face^{g} Coat &c. $\frac{3}{8}$ y^{d} to each Coat

6 P^{s} Druggett for Coat Lin^{g} $1\frac{1}{2}$ y^{d} each

2	Ps Coatg for Waistcoats	¾ yd each
9	Ps Linen & 44 yd fine Tent Cloth for Breeches Lining	1½ yd each
12½	lb Thread	2 oz a Suit
111½	yd Duck for Coat Lin'g & Staying for Waistcoats	1¾ yd
200	Hooks & Eyes for Coat	2 pr. each
abt 290	doz Buttons for Coat	2¾ doz. each
175	doz D° for Breeches & Waistcoats	

10 Buttons each & 2 larger for Breeches

The above are Computed to make abt 100 suits of Regimentals, abt the same Quantity is left at Exeter for 100 suits more, the price we give at Exeter is 4 Dollars a suit but perhaps you may have them done for less — there is 300 suits of the same makeing in Boston at 3 Dollars pr suit — they must be well made as they will be examined by some person appointed for that purpose — I am in great haste

Your Huml Sert Ephm Robinson

To John Penhallow Esq of Portsm°
President of the Board of War —

[R. 5-136]

[Petition of Jonathan Goss, of Rye, in Captain Parsons's Company, 1777, relative to his pay; dated Rye, March 18, 1778. — Ed.]

[R. 5-137]

[Petition dated March 24, 1778, of Benjamin Wright, of "Hartford, in the County of Cumberland." He stated that Benjamin Owen, of Captain John House's Company, Cilley's Regiment, was sick and died at his house, and he wanted £6 for taking care of him. Dr. John Williams certified to attending said Owen; certificate dated Lebanon, 26th May, 1778. — Ed.]

[R. 5-137]

State of New Hampr — In Committee of Safety March 27th 1778 —

To Capt Elipht Giddinge Sr — You are permitted to pass James Floyd as a waiter to Ensign ——— Merrow paying him the States & Continental Bounties as a State Soldier to be recorded for no town but for the State M. Weare Chr

[R. 5-138] [*Captain B. Stone to Board of War*, 1778.]

State of New Hamp^{r} To the Honourable Board of War at Exeter — Gentlemen; be Pleas'd to Deliver unto David Jewell his cloathing and also a Gun as he Lost his at Hubertown Battle and also when they Come James Barns John Tyler David Nevins Benj^{a} Phillips Starling Heath George Everitt and John Whitten they all Belonging to 3^{d} New Hampshire Battalion in ye Continental army the above men will call on your honnours about next thirsday. I would have come myself and seen to the above cloathing but I shall Set out for Bruckline the Begining of the week in order to take the Small Pox — from your most obedient and Humble Servt —

Atkinson March 26th 1778. Benj^{a} Stone Capt

Exeter March 31^{t} 1778 — Rec^{d} of the Board of War

1 pr Shoes & 1 pr overals	David jewell
Rec^{d} 2 pair Shoes 1 pr overals —	Sterling his × mark Heath
Rec^{d} 1 pr Plain overalls 1 pr Shoes —	George Everett
Rec^{d} 1 pr Shoes	John Whitten
Rec^{d} 2 pr Shoes 1 pr Strip^{t} overalls —	James Barns

[R. 5-139] [*Ephraim Robinson to Board of War.*]

Exeter March 31st 1778

Gent^{n} By the bearer should be glad you will send ab^{t} 20 Suits Cloath'g as there is ab^{t} 40 men ready to march on to Camp as soon as Cloath'd & I cannot procure enough here — the other Suits if done hope you will send likewise by some other hand with some Bayonet Belts — another party of Soldiers about the same Number are also Ready to march for the Hospittal teams for which hope I shall be able to prepare tho with some dificulty — I shall be glad to see one of your Hono^{s} at Exeter To-morrow as your presence is Necessary — I am in haste Gentl^{n} your Humb^{l} Servt Eph^{m} Robinson

P. S. if you can send 50 Belts should be glad

To Jno Penhallow & Joshua Wentworth

[R. 5-140]

[Order to Ezekiel Worthen to enlist a company of fifty men to go to Rhode Island. The order is worded the same as that to Daniel Reynolds. See *ante.* — Ed.]

[*Marquis De La Fayette to Colonel Bedel. Copied from a copy in Bedel Papers, N. H. Historical Society, p.* 66.]

Albany March 16th 1778 —

Sir — I have just wrote an answer to General Bayley letting him know that altho' our Expedition cannot be carried into Execution at this present moment yet he is to keep the Thousand Men he mentioned in his Letter to me in the utmost readiness as they may be very serviceable to the United States as Scouting Parties, in Building the Fort and Garrisoning of it when finished and in Defending the Frontiers of that Quarter — I think Sir you would do well to engage those Men for the Campaign — you will take Care to inform the Committees of the Measures we are taking for the Security of the Inhabitants in those parts, and jointly with them you will make every necessary Preparation for the Fort they have desired of me, and you will send to me as soon as possible the answer of the Engineer to whom I have wrote by you, in all Sir I expect you will be very particular in your Accounts to me respecting the matter and let me know the Sentiments of the People also about it — you may assure them that Congress means to use every step in their power for their security, and expects in return that they themselves will exert every Nerve in favour of our common cause —

You will also assure those of the Militia and the Citizens in General who have been Employed in the Service of the United States and not received their pay that we retain the highest sense of their Services, and that those Debts will be soon Discharged — I have sent down repeated Expresses on the Subject, and they have given me the pleasure to know that there will be a sufficiency of Money here shortly to satisfy the whole — You will constantly keep out Scouting Parties in order to prevent as much as possible any Spies or Parties of the Enemy from coming among us and returning again, as I understand there are British officers (or at least Tories) Recruiting in the Country you will take particular Care to Discover and Apprehend them, you will keep Spies with the Enemy to watch their Motions and learn their Intentions, and give particular Accounts of any Intelligence you may receive to the officer Commanding at Albany —

You will receive advices from me respecting the Settlement proposed in favour of the Indians — I expect you will send me a most exact Return of the Militia now raised and under your command. I wish it to be signed by the Committee in order that I may be able to send down a true state of the Militia in that Quarter — I believe a General officer will go to Review them in that Quarter —

the Mrq De LaFayette

To Col: Timo Bedel Commanding at Coos —
(Copy)

[*Proceedings of Committee of Fifteen Towns on the Frontier. Bedel Papers, p.* 66.]

Haverhill 3d April 1778 —

Agreeable to the Directions of the Marquiss De LaFayette in his orders to Colo: Timothy Bedel dated at Albany the 16th Day of March last wherein he Directs that the Committee shall be Consulted and what Measure shall be taken for the Security of the Frontiers on Connecticut River, the Committees of Fifteen Towns were Notified to meet, and did accordingly meet at Capt. Hutchins's in said Town on said Day —

and Choose Jacob Bayley Esqr — Chairman
and Alexander Harvey — Clerk —

Then proceeded and did vote Thanks to be given to the General for care — and did vote that 500 Men would be sufficient at present — And did vote that the Fort be built at or near Ammonoosuck upper Co'os, that a Block House be kept at or near Barnett, and good Scouts from Corinth to Onion River, and from the Grand Fort to the Blockhouse and Corinth and Barracks be built at Haverhill, and some place of Safety for the Stores where Head Quarters ought to be kept — Voted that on the Grants above Haverhill on the East side the River the officers proposed are Lieut Storie, [it may be intended for Stone] Benjamin Sawyer, and Luther Richardson — for the District of Haverhill, either Ephraim Patterson, Capt Hutchins, Capt. Hayward, Capt. Ladd, or Lieut Barron, and as to the other District Colo: Bedel is to act as he thinks best to expedite the raising the Men proposed —

And that Capt. Young be also appointed one of the Captains — And also that the Chairman Transmit to the General our doings and to call together the Comittees on any Emergency —

Voted to Adjourn to the first Tuesday in May next at 10 °Clock in the Forenoon —

A Copy Alexr Harvey Clk

Haverhill May 5th 1778

The Committees of Bath &c — on the Frontiers of Connecticut River met according to Adjournment —

The Committees voted with the Marquiss's appointment of Colo: Bedels appointment to said Regiment.

Recommended to Colo : Bedel to send out sufficient Scouts toward Metcalf in order to make Discoveries for the Security of the Frontiers with the utmost Expedition —

Voted that Colo : Bedel is hereby recommended to go or send to the Board of War or the Commanding officer to receive their sanction to the above Resolve and Votes —

a Copy Alexr Harvey Clk

[R. 5-141]

State of New Hampshire Strafford ss. In Committee of Safety — April 20th 1778 —

To Capt Eliphalet Giddinge — Pay Henry Stevens, Jacob Rice, Alpheus Kingsley, Joseph Wright, Asaph Butler, John Simons, and Stephen Dustin Soldiers in Capt Jason Waits Company in the Continental service Twenty Dollars each for their Continental Bounty they having not received it before — M. Weare Chairman

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[R. 5-142] [*Sarah Cochran's Petition.*]

State of New Hampshire, Rockingham ss. To the honble The Committee of Safety for said State now sitting at Exeter — The Petition of Sarah Cochran, of Portsmouth in the County and State aforesaid humbly sheweth that your Petitioner's husband John Cochran lately of said Portsmouth — has for several years past been absent from his family and is now at Long Island without the least prospect of being likely to return to this State — and your Petitioner having a large family which she finds extremely difficult to support in the absence of her said husband — and as he has frequently written to her to come with her family to him — your Petitioner humbly prays your honors wd grant her liberty to remove with her sd family to her husband — for which favour your petitioner as in duty bound, will ever pray — Portsmouth April 23d 1778. —

Your Petitioner further begs that your honors would grant her liberty to carry her household furniture with her —

Sarah Cochran

[In Committee of Safety April 28, 1778, she was granted leave to go to Long Island with her children, "after having advertized her Departure three weeks Successively in the New Hamp^r Gazette." — Ed.]

[R. 5-143] [*Jeremiah Gilman's Order.*]

Col^o Stickney — S^r please to pay to Noah Emery what money is due to me on the Ration Roll of your regiment as allowed by the General Court, and his receit shall be your Discharge for the same from your Hble Servt Jeremiah Gilman

Exeter 25th March 1778 —

[R. 5-143]

Otis & Andrews Letter 3^d Apr: 1778, in answer to N° 11.

Boston 3^d April 1778

Gentlemen — We have your favor of the 27th ult^o with Colonel Dearborn's order in your favor for the payment of the charge that may attend the making up the 200 suits of Cloathes for his regiment — We delivered him the materials for these Cloathes, that he might be the more conveniently accommodated in having them made under his direction, & for dispatch — but are sorry to find that the price is to be 24/ ℔ suit, as we have never paid more than 18/ and a loss of 200 dollars falls on our department — We are liable to censure in this matter, on that account, especially as the doing it was rather stepping out of our line —

We shall however pay your acco^t when exhibited, requesting you if possible to get the price of making reduced. — We are respectfully

Gent. Your most obed^t Serv^ts

Otis & Andrews

Hon'ble Board of War, State of New Hampshire

[R. 5-144] [*Order to Colonel Peabody.*]

State of New Hampshire — In Committee of Safety April 28, 1778

To Col. Stephen Peabody — Sr You are hereby Directed forthwith to proceed to Providence with the troops under your Command & put yourself under the Commanding officer there

[*Ibid.*] [*Order to Captain Giddinge, same date.*]

To Capt. Elipht. Giddinge — Sr You are Desired to pay the Continental bounty to Robert Mason and Nathan Davis who have Inlisted in Capt House's Company for three years & mustered by Majr Child

M. Weare Chr

[*Ibid.*] [*Captain House's Certificate.*]

these certify that George Knox hath inlisted into the Continental Service in my Company in Coll Cilleys Regiment and hath not Recvd his twenty Dollars Bounty. John House

Hanover May 8th 1778

In Committee of Safety May 29th 1778

To Capt. Eliphalet Giddinge pay the within named George Knox Twenty dollars for his Continental Bounty —

M. Weare Chr

[R. 5-146] [*John Foster to Joseph Gilman.*]

Sir. Above you have Memo of Capt. Rowel's acco. [Items amounting to £19. 3. 2 omitted.] Capt McGregore has had nothing here — Inclos'd are two rec'ts Jno Hull & Henry Langmaid each for £9. recd of the Board in Cash the 18th Septr & 31st Decemr 1778 [probably should read 1777] return'd from Camp unpaid — which suppose must be pay'd them by Committee on accots & paid the Board in order to adjust their accounts — I suppose Colo Wentworth will write you on other matters & am most respectfully

Sr Your very hble Sr.

May 10th 1778 — Jno Foster

To Mr Joseph Gilman — War Office — Exeter

[R. 5-147] [*Order to Eliphalet Giddinge.*]

In Committee of Safety May 12th 1778

To Mr Eliphalet Giddinge, Muster men who apply to you enlisted for nine months & pay them 3d pr mile for travel from their homes to Exeter — M. Weare Chr

[R. 5-147]

[Oath of allegiance of Dudley Chase, brigade quarter-master, General Poor's brigade, dated May 28, 1778. — Ed.]

[*Bedel to La Fayette. Bedel Papers, p.* 68.]

Haverhill 14th May 1778 —

Sir — I wrote to you on the 11th April ult. informing your Honour what I had done with the Assistance of the Committees, and that the Engineer was not arrived from Boston where he was gone upon Business, since which he is arrived and you will receive a Plan of the Fort proposed with every necessary wanting, also a Return of the Number of Men raised, the ground is laid out and the Men ready to proceed upon work only wait for Provisions & the Tools mentioned in the Invoice. I have kept Scouts out constantly who are daily making discoveries of Scouts on Lake Champlain and some small Parties skulking in the woods — Since my last there has been a Committee from the Micmac and St Francois Indians to know what is to be done and what they may depend upon agreeable to what your Honour mentioned to me concerning the Settlement proposed for them, and have gone out into the woods to Hunt untill they have an account further about it and hopes it will be by the Return of this Express who is sent on purpose —

This moment is arrived here a family who lives on part of the front on account of discoveries being made of small Parties of the Enemy and the remainder are following, and for 60 miles they are upon a doubt whether to remove or not, which they must do unless they can be Protected — I am ready to March at any time when need calls cod I only get the necessary supplies —

Marquiss de la fayette

[*Bedel to Governor Chittenden. Ibid. p.* 68.]

Sir — I have sent you a copy of orders recd from the Honble Major Genl the Marquiss de la fayette also a Plan of a Fort we are going to erect and a Return of the Number of men engaged. The orders I refer your Honour to; the men are all raised on the Grants on both sides the River and as both sides are upon a Connection of joining I thot it my duty to Inform you of it, we are ready upon the shortest

notice to assist you against any force that may come from the Lake against you as some of my Scouts have discovered Parties on the Lake and in the woods —

Govr Chittenden. —

[*Bedel to Gen. Gates Ibid. p.* 68.]

14th May 1778

Sir — I wrote to your Honour the 11th April ult informing of the receipt of yours of the 4th March — Agreeable to your orders of the 15th Novr last and the Honble Marquis de lafayette of 16th March the St Francois & Micmac Tribes are waiting inpatiently to know what they are to depend upon I do all in my Power to Encourage them but they seem uneasy. I have sent you a Copy of my orders and the Engineers from the Marquiss concerning the Building a Fort & Garrisoning of the same with which you receive a Plan of and also a retnrn of what Men we have raised for that purpose. I keep out Spies constantly up and down the Lake to watch the Enemies Motions who make Constant discoveries of Parties being out and some skulking Parties in the Woods — The Men are raised for a year upon Continental Encouragement, and every thing is in readiness to begin upon the Fort the ground laid out and cleared but cannot Embody the Men for want of Provisions — By a Deserter who is just arrived I am informed the officers who went with the flagg are removed from Montreal to Quebec Goal and are Cruelly treated — the People are very uneasy that nothing can be done to clear them — all I want is your Honours orders to pay them in their own Coin.

Genl Gates

[*Letter. Col. Bedel to Gen. Schuyler. Bedel Papers, p.* 51.]

Sir — Agreeable to your orders dated 11th Septr 1777 I have continually sent out Parties to the Indians to Inform them of your Intentions & also to bring them in here which has been accomplished and they have been in readiness to join when ever required, also those who sho^{d} be assistance in the Service they sho^{d} have an adequate Reward by yours of the 6th Jany 77 — the Indians who have been employed in the Service I shall send a List of, they have had Provisions — Cloathing, Snow Shoes &c but not rec^{d} any Pay for their Service, they are here waiting to have your Honours answer by

this Express, from the News I rec^{d} from the Penobscot I was informed they had sent to Quebec for a Priest to come among them but from ill Consequences that might follow (as Carleton wo^{d} send only such as best answered his purpose) I tho^{t} proper to send a party to treat with them on the Subject (to wit) Traversie & Vincent who I have sent over to wait on your Honour, with three of the Chiefs from that Tribe. I sho^{d} have sent an Interpreter but as they speak French I tho^{t} it needless —

By the best Intelligence I can get from the Indians a large Reinforcement is in the River St Lawrence the Number they can't ascertain but is very large also they Inform when the Vessells arrived at Ticonderoga they landed 8 Men who dispersed different ways some to Albany and round them parts, some by Missique Bay, which was met by some of our Hunters who lodged one night with them. There was four Subs. [Subalterns] and four Serj^{ts} a Sub. & Serj^{t} went together, those who lodged with the Hunters informed them they were keeping Guards on the Lake untill the Reinforcem^{t} arrived that they had got the Plans of all the Roads from Co'os — On the 16th March I rec^{d} order from the Marquiss de la fayette to raise a Reg^{t} for the defence of these parts which are Compleat. I never rec^{d} any money for that purpose, and have been at great expence if I co^{d} have Provisions Money &c. I sho^{d} be able with my Men to stop the Progress of any Party they might send to this Quarter as also on the East side of the Lake, and those People who have been Employed in the Indian Service I have not one Copper to give them, and have not half enough to supply this Party with to Albany. I am obliged to Borrow all my Money being Exhausted. Lt Col: Wheelock who waits upon your Honour with this will Inform you of every Particular if any Money can be sent by him sho^{d} be glad otherwise the Public Cause must Suffer —

To Genl Schuyler 25th May 1778

Sir — I have rec^{d} Intelligence by a Party Indians that a large Reinforcement is in the St Lawrence the number they can't ascertain but they say is large also Inform when the Vessells arrived at Tie — they Landed 8 Men, 4 Subs: [Subalterns] & 4 Serg^{ts} who dispersed different ways to find out our Disposition, some of our Hunters who were out came across two of them bound to Canada on their way to Misisque Bay who informed them they were keeping Guards on the Lake untill a Reinforcem^{t} arrived and that they had got a Plan of all the Roads from Co'os — according to my orders from the Marquiss de lafayette to raise a Reg^{t} to Guard the Frontiers in these parts and to Scout I have it Compleat only wait for Provisions, Ammuni-

tion, Money &c to put them on actual service tho' I constantly have parties out. You will Receive this by Lt Col^{o} Wheelock who will be able to inform you of the Circumstances of this Country & unless we are furnished with the articles above mentioned the People will be obliged to move off Hope your Honour will send an answer what must be done — There is a number of Tories who were sent to Canada have been discovered Lurking about in these parts by accident made their Escape

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[R. 5-148] [*Orders to Commissary Leigh.*]

State of New Hampshire — In Committee of Safety for said State at Exeter the 2^{d} of June 1778 —

To Mr Joseph Leigh of Portsmouth in said State —

You are hereby appointed Commissary, to proceed immediately to that post of the Continental Army where the regiments from this state are stationed — to take charge of, & issue such stores as may be sent there from this state — and you are to observe such orders and instructions as you may from time to time receive from the General Assembly of this state or in the recess thereof from their Committee of Safety — or at any time from the board of war for this State in regard to any matters or things deliver^{d} to your care & charge — and you are to render a particular account of your Conduct in and about ye premises and make remittances for the stores delivered to your charge as afores^{d} agreeable to the instructions from time to time sent you as afores^{d} — and you are to be allowed and paid for your time & expense while in said service, such wages as the issuing Commissarys for the other New England States have & receive for similar services —

By Order of the Committee of Safety

John Dudley — Chair^{n} P. Temp.

[R. 5-149] [*Commissary Leigh's Instructions.*]

State of New Hampshire } Board of War, Portsmouth 5th June 1778 —

Instructions for Joseph Leigh Esqr Commissary of Issues for the New Hamps: Troops at Head Quarters of the American Army, under the command of Brig^{a} Genl Poor —

Sir. The Committee of Safety of this State having directed the Board to instruct you on the business of a Commissary to a supply of Cloathing & Shoes — they have or may send forward to Camp for the use of the Troops rais'd by this State for the Continental Army — We conceive the following Instructions necessary for your Government in that Department.

On your arrival at Camp you are to prepare a proper & secure House or Store, for the reception of three Waggon Loads Cloathing & Stores (℔ Invoice now delivered you) which are gone forward by Mr Nicholas Nichols, who has orders to deliver them to Genl Poor — unless our order should overtake him previous to his reach'g camp — You are to Issue the articles of every kind agreable to the Charge in the Invoice — Unless a Regulation of a supply for the Troops is affixed in Camp — In which case you are to Conform — It may be necessary to ascertain from the General Officer Commanding the New-Hampshire Troops, or from the Colo of each Regiment from time to time, what articles should be Issued to each Soldier — and the Quantiy for one day or a month — as the Regulation of Camp may be — It is expected that payment is made to you, by each Individual, for the supply of them — And often it may so happen that they are destitute of Cash for Immediate paymt in which case you are to obtain a Roll from the paymaster of each Regiment to what amount you may supply — and that he become accountable to you for that amount, on the pay days — And to no others would it be prudent or safe to furnish as the Intent of the supply is amply to provide for our Troops in the Field at a reasonable rate. Provided any General Officer — Colo or Commanding Officer Commanding the Troops of this State, should certify the necessity & urgency of a supply from the Store of any articles for a number of men without distinction — whereby the Continental Commissary may become chargeable by you — You are to furnish such articles — and apply for payment agreable to the mode of Issue already pointed out — but in case the Continental Commissary does not make payment — you will transmit such Certificate to the Board, as you shall receive from the officer so certifying (keeping duplicate) — bearing in mind to Inform the Officers of this State — That those Troops march'd from hence this Spring — were all well Cloath'd Arm'd & Accoutred — A particular acco of which the Board will transmit you by the next Waggoner — Whatever Cloathing & Stores may be sent you, are to be solely appropriated for the Troops of this State, and you may assure them, the Board will study to supply the store with every necessary without loss of time — You are to remit to the Board whatever proceeds in Cash from the supply we send you, by such opportunities as your prudence may dictate —

Mr Nichols who has the care of the Waggons gone forward, has directions to load lightly back with Flour & Iron — And should he have occasion for moneys for that purpose, or to defray expenses back, you are to supply him — transmitting duplicate of Rect by his return — On his setting off he was furnished with three hundd pounds — by examining his account you will be able to Judge what may [be] necessary to supply as Expenses, as well to Calculate what may be necessary to purchase Loads back — should either of the articles not be attainable — direct him to load with that which is — As we are not able so fully to Instruct at this Period, as the state of the Camp may require (for want of Information) you are to advise particularly from time to time, of your progress — thereby we shall be enabled to regulate any deficencies of these Instructions —

By order of the Board

Copy No 21. J. P: Preside

[*Copy. John Stark to Col. Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 71.]

Head Quarters 23d May 1778 —

Sir — I received your Packett by Capt Young together with the Return Plan of the Fort &c. all which I have Transmitted to Major Gen1 Gates who no doubt will grant your Request in full —

You will continue to keep constant Scouting Parties as far down as Saint John's, and on the other hand as far as Onion River with orders to watch the Motions and Discover the movements of the Enemy, you will send such parties as you shall judge most proper for the good of the service —

I am Sir your Affectionate Humble Servant

Colo : Bedel John Stark

[*Orders from Gen. Gates to Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 71.]

Head Quarters in the Highlands June 6th 1778

Sir — As your Regiment is pretty respectable, you will send a Detachment, of one third of it to Albany, and instruct the officer Commanding it, to apply to General Stark and Comply with his orders in every Respect — The remainder of it will take Post on the

Frontiers where they will be best able to Cover the Country and watch the Motions of the Enemy — The General Places the utmost Confidence in your Diligence and Activity and desires you will constantly correspond with him, and Gen[l] Starks, on all matters as may contribute to the good of the service —

I am Sir your humble servant

Col. Bedel Rob[t] Troup A. D. C. to Major Gen[l] Gates

[*Commissary Winship to Col. Bedel. Bedel Papers, p. 72.*]

Albany 9th June 1778

Sir — In Consequence of orders rec[d] from Gen[l] Stark to appoint an Ass. Com'y of Issues at that place in order to supply the Troops with provision I desire you would appoint Davenport Phelps (who you have recommended to me as a person of undoubted fidelity) to act in that Capacity, or some other suitable person who will Issue provisions to the troops at that place taking proper vouchers for the same and Strictly Comply with the Directions I send inclos[d] and whatever orders he may receive from me from Time to Time —

I am with Respect Sir

Your most obd[t] hb[l] Serv[t]

Eben Winship D. C. G.

[*Stark to Bedel. Bedel Papers, p. 71.*]

Albany 9th June 1778 —

Sir — This Morning came to Hand a letter from Gen[l] Gates to you which I forward by Colo: Wheelock, he likewise informed me that he had ordered 100 Men properly officered to this Place from your Regiment would be glad you would send them as soon as possible, for the particulars enquire of Colo: Wheelock.

I am Sir your Humble Serv[t]

John Stark

N. B. Shall expect you will keep the Scouts as usual —

Colo: Bedel J. S.

[*Cornelius Cuyler to Col. Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 73.]

Bennington June 10th 1778 —

Sir — I am directed by Jacob Cuyler Esqr D. C. G. P. [Deputy Commissary General of Purchases] (who has it command from Honble Genl Starks) to endeavour in the best manner possible to provide provisions for your Party which consisted of about Two hundred Men; I am in Consequence of such orders to me to request you will if any ways possible have the Provisions such as Flour and Meat Purchased as near to you as may be, giving yours, or the Commissary's Certificates for the Quantities furnished, which you will assure the Venders thereof shall be paid by Mr Cuyler at his office in Albany on their producing such Certificates at the Market Price given for such articles, the great distance of Land Transportation occasions me to desire you to try to procure Flour near you which if that cannot be done, you will be so good and draw on the Commissary at this Store who must Endeavour to see the same sent on. — please let me hear from you on the subject and direct to me at Albany to which place I return to-morrow —

I am Sir your most obedient humble Servant

Cornels Cuyler A. C. Purchs

Col : Bedel or officer Commands at Co'os —

(Copy)

[*Thomas Chittenden to Col. Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 71.]

In Council Bennington 12th June 1778 —

Dear Sir — I have received Intelligence that General Gates has ordered all the Continental Troops from Albany to repair to his Camp, agreeable to which they have already marched, by which means this extensive Frontier is left but very thinly guarded : (Colo : Warners Regiment being the only Continental Troops left in this Department) and as there is great danger that while the grand Movements are making to the Southward, the Enemy will endeavour to distress the Frontiers by Scouting Parties, thereby to divert our Attention, and as covering the Grants on this side is a Grand security to those on the other side the Green Mountains, and as the Connection between this State and a number of Towns on the East Side of Connecticut River is compleated, should think it would be for the General good that a part of your Regiment be sent to Rutland to join those raised here for the present to be under my Direc-

tion in Council, and accordingly should take it as a favour that after you have sent an hundred Men to Albany agreeable to the request of the General, you will send over such a part of the Remains of your Regiment as you can spare — I have Consulted the Council and General Assembly and it is their opinion you may spare an hundred Men — Your compliance with the above will be well accepted by Dr Sir Your humble Servant

Col. Bedel — Thomas Chittenden

P. S. It is advised that if you can send any Assistance to us consistent with your orders from General Gates that you send them by way of Onion River and so on to Rutland, which will serve as a Scout and Guards not only to this but your Frontier and that you Relieve them the same Rout as often as you think Expedient — (Copy)

[R. 5-147] [*Captain Wedgwood's Order.*]

North Hampton June 5th 1778

Mr Juet Commasary for the Stat of Newhampshare

Sur Be Plesd to diliver to John Murray Provision till he Marches and in so doing you wold oblege you humble Servent

James Wedgwood Capt

Recd Provision to 1st July 1778

25 days in Pork — Cash for Bread 10/5
Joseph Green 6 days in Pork — Cash for Bd 2/6
Benja Phillips 6 do do do 2/6

John Murray

[R. 5-147] [*Colonel Bellows's Receipt.*]

State of New Hampshire — June 8th 1778 Recd of Nathl Peabody by the hand of Joseph Rouncival One Hundred and Forty Pounds two Shillings for the Purpose of paying Bounties, Travel money, & advance Wages, to the men ordered to be raised in the regiment under my Command to serve in the regiment Commanded by Lt Colo Stephen Peabody in Major General Sullivan's Division now at Providence in the State of Rhode island for which sum I will be accountable to the State of New Hampshire for —

Benja Bellows Colo

[R. 5-147] [*Committee of Safety. Order.*]

State of New Hampshire — In Committee of Safety June 24th 1778.

To Mr Eliph^t Giddinge Muster Master. You are hereby desired to Muster Joseph Green in lieu of ——— Thurston and strike out said Thurstens name from your Roll, provided you esteem said Green to be as likely a soldier as the other — M. Weare Pres^t

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A Return of the whole Quota of Continental men Belonging To Hanover in Col° Jon^th Chases Ridgement. [*Chase Papers, p.* 42.]

NAMES	Ages	Stature	Places of Abode	Time Mustered	Ridgement Ingaged in
Robert Mason	22	5-10	Hanover	Apl. 1778	Col. Silly
Nathan Davis	17	5- 6	Hanover	do	do
John Pendall	23	5- 2	Hanover	do	Col. Hale
Medad Taylor	17	5- 4	Hanover	do	Col. Silly
David Wright	20	5- 7	Hanover	do	do
John Hutchinson	36	5-10	Norwich	March 1777	do
David Fuller	18	5- 6	Hanover	do	do
Experience Trescott	19	5- 4	Hanover	Feb'y 1777	Col. Warner
Luther Linkham	20	5- 8	Hanover	Jan'y 1777	Train

Time engaged for — 3 years

Hanover June 18th 1778 — Thos Durkee Lieut.

Sir — persuant to your Direction the one half of our Company are Drafted to take the field on the shortest Notice — Our number of Effective Men 42 — ye whole Company about one half of which well accoutred, the Remainder Destitute Excepting a number of old Arms of no Dependance —

Our Town stock consists of about 60 ^lbs of American Manufactured powder, and 80 w^t of Lead

Hanover June 18th 1778 — Thos Durkee L^t

To Maj^r Francis Smith att Plainfield

[*Stark to Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 71.]

Head Quarters Albany 23d June 1778 —

Sir — I must desire you will Collect your Regiment together and hold yourselves in readiness to march to Fort Edward as I expect orders hourly from General Gates for that purpose, the Hundred Men I sent for by Lt Colo: Wheelock I hope will be on their March to this place if they should not don't fail to send them Immediately as they are much wanted here — I am Sir your humble Servant

Colo Bedel (Copy) John Stark

[*General Gates to Colonel Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 71.]

Peeks Kill 26th June 1778 —

Sir — By this date I hope the One Hundred Men ordered from your Regiment are Arrived at Albany, and that you are yourself prepared to March with all the rest, the moment you receive General Starks Orders for that purpose; a Deputy Commissary of Musters, has received my orders to repair to Co'os to Muster your Regiment, and proper Cloathing shall as soon as possible be sent to Albany for the whole; where I would have you march at any Rate to Receive them; therefore think it perfectly right, that you should assemble your Regiment at Albany by the first day of August at farthest — I wish constantly to know all the Intelligence you can procure from Canada —

Traversie has my Directions to acquaint you with a message I have sent by him; you will send me a full Answer in writing by the first safe hand that leaves Co'os —

I am Sir your humble Servant

Horatio Gates

Colo. Bedel (Copy)

[R. 5–148] [*Letter from Commissary Leigh.*]

Morris Town July 2d 1778 —

Sir — I wrote the Honourable Board from this place the 27th ulto by a private hand having no reason to doubt but it will come safe to hand beg leave to refer you for its contents —

I am now to inform you a Few hours after I had sent my Letter I came across of Mr Nichols with the waggons — I thought it advisable

to repair Immediately to Camp in order to consult with General Poor what was best to be done — for as our Army was Following the Enemy I was at a loss what course was best to take — I got into Camp the day after the Battle of Freehold and General Poor advised the waggons to move slowly towards the North River — it appearing to him the enemy would soon be ordered that way — In consequence of which they will set of on the morrow — and as I mean to keep with [them] as soon as there is a possibility of obtaining any certen acc^{ts} where the N. Hampshire Regiments will be stationed so that business can be done with them — shall then Immediately discharge Mr Nichols from any Further attendance with ye goods — agreable to the orders of the Honble Board I will not only Furnish Mr Nichols with money but will assist him all that lays in my Power in the purchas'g of Iron & Flower to carry home with him — I find the Regimental Paymasters have publick Moneys in their hands — have made mention of it to General Poor there will be no difficulty in my obtaining orders to receive it on acc^{t} of the State — youl find Inclosed a Return of the wants of the N. H. Regiments for the Summer Campain — this Calculation does not include the articles Brot by Mr Nichols and I Flatter myself the Hon^{l} Board will be able to procure & Forward them to Camp with all speed — together with a supply of Rum Sugar Tea &c &c which appears to me to be necessary as Both officers & men Require nothing Farther than to Fare as well as the Massachusetts troops for in their store there is no want of any of these articles — In a postscript of mine of the 27th ult^{o} I gave the Hon^{l} Board a particular acc^{t} of the different Detachments made from the Continental army since they crossed the Delaware into this State — Of the movement of the main body towards the Enemy on the evening of the 25th — and of there being a probability of a General action soon taking place — and as something of that nature actually did on the 28th perhaps the Particulars (as far as they have come to my knowledge) may be Required at my hand — therefore as it appears to me so I convey it to the Honourable Board — On the night of the 27th the Enemys head quarters was at Freehold or Rather Monmouth court house — while that of General Washington was three miles from English town, Distant from each other about 7 miles — As the Militia & the Detachments from the Continental army were Posted nigh the Enemy, there could not be any considerable movement on their part but what must soon be known — Early in the morning of the 28th the Front of the Enemy began to march towards the place of Embarkation, about 6 one mile & half from Monmouth Court house the attack first Began by a body of Militia of this State under the Command of General Dickinson, nearly about 8

General Lee with about 2000 Continental troops began to Skirmish with the Enemy and for sometime drove them — however so it is he retreated to a plain open Field Between Monmouth Court house and English town where they Began to make a stand. In this Critical moment his Excellency General Washington came up with a body of Fresh troops and Immediately took Posession of an advantageous piece of ground which Effectually secured our army from being Flank't, that Consequently there Remained nothing for the Enemy to do but to Run or Fight; they chose the latter for a season and there Immediately Commenced the most Tremendous fire from the artillery on both sides ever known in America: of Musquetry: and pushing of Bayonetts.

In fine notwithstanding the Enemy had the Flower of their army in action a Superiour number of Troops Engaged and doubtless the most vigorous Exertions on their part to break the ranks of our army It is with Peculiar pleasure I have to inform the Honourable Board that Finally the British troops gave way and left the Americans Master of the Field of Battle and a Compleat victory — The Inclosed Return of the loss on both sides I fancy youl find true haveing this moment been favoured with it by a Gen^t of the army of undoubted veracity — The Coll^s Cilley & Dearborn had the Command of a Detachment of Infantry on our Left: their Impetuosity the Enemy could not withstand and first gave way to this Detachment — in short his Excellency the General gave them as the toast of the Day and I thought I would not omit this Circumstance however trivial it may appear in the Eyes of some —

I sincerely Congratulate the Honourable Board & my Country on this Interest'g Event and am with Sentiments of Esteem

Sir Your Most Obed^t Hbl Servt

Joseph Leigh

[The "New York Gazette," July 6, 1778, gives the British loss at the battle of Monmouth as follows: killed, 110; wounded, 172; missing, 56; total, 338. — Ed.]

[*Letter from John Wheelock to Colonel Bedel. Hibbard Collection, N. H. Historical Society, Vol. III. p.* 99.]

Albany 11th July 1778

Sir. Everything was happy on our march, and for a Day after our arrival, excepting some few individuals appeared to be a little uneasey

— but the spark that before appeared, on a sudden diffused through the whole detachment — The men were united — affirm they were fraudulently delt by — Expected to be absent but a few weeks, but were now to be detained as unlimited Continental Soldiers — that they were promised four Pounds per month; yet are to receive but forty shillings — that they had not received Cloathing which General Gates sent for three weeks ago for the whole Regiment; and which General Stark has for some time, & is now continually expecting; & why it don't arrive, we cannot say —

I made an impartial report to the Gen'l of the above matters, who treated them with all softness: but their minds were so inspired with apprehension, that they could not be pacified — At length a considerable party determined to quit the place; upon which the General ordered Colonel Stacey's Regiment to be paraded & secure the obstinate: after which event the men appeared more moderate as the Gen: told them he wou'd see justice done them. —They were willing to be mustered agreeable to their Inlistment: but the muster-master refused to muster them, unless as Soldiers to serve as all other Continental Troops, through the United States — Finally the Genl consented, and the men were cheerfully willing to serve here during the term proposed, when they came away, without being mustered.

I know of no misstep, that the officers in this Detachment have taken in the whole affair and were the same event again to take place, I know of no material alteration, that we should make in our proceeding — We think it of the utmost importance, that you should be here before the first of August; as you are the Commander of the Regiment; and something might be determined upon, that could prevent the unhappy consequences, that might otherwise ensue — Capt Nelson waits on you with this letter, who proposes immediately to return — He can inform you of perticulars which I have communicated in the Gross — The Officers concur in what I have wrote. —

I have the happiness to subscribe myself, Sir,
your sincere & most obedt humb: Servt

Colo: Timothy Bedel Esq — John Wheelock

[*General Jacob Bayley to General Gates. Hibbard Coll., N. H. Historical Society, Vol. IV. p.* 87.]

Newbury 13th July 1778

S^r — Col^o Hazen arrived here last evening, and has Communicated to me that his business is respecting a land road into Canada to-

gether with what Provisions may be had here — it is my opinion by the many observations I have made of the Country between this and Canada, that it is very Practicable I have once by Maj^r James Wilkinson surveyed a road from this to St Johns which marked and good at 95 miles — the same is made about 30 miles the remainder well marked We have also surveyed to the South end of Mempromagog which we find good from thence to Mosco [Missisquoi ?] it has the appearance of a good Country for a Road as to the distance I refer you to the Plan Col^o Hazen has, which I can assure is true as far as Canada line and St Johns, the water carriage on this River is good from Herford to 20 miles above iso [?] except five or six short Rapids or falls — where their are good cart roads — I have not the least doubt but six eight or ten thousand bushels of wheat may be purchased in this quarter, and beef in plenty. as to forrage If wanted I will supply from my farm 100 Tun of Hay &c —

Should an Expedition into Canada be undertaken (if wanted) I will assist, and with Col^o Bedel think we can rais 1500 men for that servise and I should think myself Happy to serve another successfull Campaign with your Hon^r which I doubt not but one into Canada would be. — J. Bayley

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[*Colonel Bedel to General Gates. From Original Retained Copy in Bedel Papers, p.* 74.]

Haverhill July 15th 1778.

Sir — Yesterday morning I was favoured with an Express from Col: Hazen then at this place, which found me at Hagan River about 8 miles from here where I went a few Days past to meet Osgood a spy which I had some time last winter sent into Canada for intelligence as also to meet some families of indians from St Francois. Osgood the spy was Discovered and made a Prisoner at St Francois, carried to Montreal goal where he remained fourteen Days, then at the request of Col: Peters was liberated and suffered to live in his Kitchen, about the latter end of February or first of March, a Torry Express arrived at Montreal, with accounts of a winter Expedition being intended by Congress to be carried into Canada Whereupon he was again taken up and thrown into close Jail. That immediately the Jails ware crowded with the leading People amongst the inhabitance. That several of the Churches was taken for that purpose, in the Citys of Montreal Quebec, and the Country, that those Prisoners rejoiced in their confinement, they Dayly received refresh-

ments from multitudes of the inhabitants even the Coughnawaga Indians — That he was soon after Transported to Quebec where he was put into Jail for several Days and from thence sent to the Lower end of orleans Together with many other Prisoners under the care of Two British officers, from whence he made his Escape the fifteenth of May last. That no vessells of any kind, had then arrived from Urope That the City of Quebec was also alarmed by a Party from Kenebeck to Sategan. [?] That great Numbers of the inhabitance from the South Shoar, and elsewhere, was taken up and confined, who ware still suffering in Jail when he left that Country — That at least $\frac{3}{4}$th of the inhabitance of Canada would have joined the Continental Standard immediately on the arrival of a Party of their Troops over the Ice in the winter. That the whole force of Canada does not exceed 2000 men in arms — Two families of indians from St Francois, which place they left the last of May inform that both Canadians and indians ware greatly Disappointed in the failure of our last winters expedition. That the heavy cannon ware a moving from St John to Quebec, that they are still ready to join our armies in that Country — a Chief of the Sategan Tribe was also at Hagen river, who confirms the above information, and he also adds that the Satagan Tribe to the number of one hundred families have left there village at Sategan and came to rocamico on Ammescoggen River and are Determined not to return to Canada — That the cause of their removal was the Threats and frowns from the Governor, for suffering that part of Canada to be alarmed by a small Party of the rebels the last winter and most solemnly Promising that if any thing of that sort should happen in future their Habitations should be Distroyed and village burnt — a Scouting Party has returned from St John's without makin any great Discoverys, they say that there is a number of new buildings at St John's a block house on the east side the river in which is a few Troops and a small guard of indians, That they think there is not above Two hundred Troops at St Johns That they saw two large Ships and some other small Craft take in Provisions at St Johns and afterwards sail up the lake, which information they thought necessary to bring as soon as Possable to this place all the above intelligence I am confident may be relied on. Osgood left on the Ile of orleans the three men sent with Singleton in a flag last fall

[*Copy of Letter. Colonel Bedel to Lieut. Col. John Wheelock. Bedel Papers, p.* 75.]

Haverhill 19th July 1778

Sir — Your favour I received by Capt Nelson am sorry to hear of the uneasiness which has prevailed among the men, they may depend upon it every thing in my power shall be done to make every thing easy — I have sent you Inclosed Copies of Letters to Genl Gates — the Commanding officer at Albany, the Instructions given to the offrs and a copy of a Letter from Genl Stark's to Govr Chittenden by which you may Judge of the Reasons of our Treatment — I wod have you use your Influence with the Men as much as possible to make them easy for a short space of Time. I am convinced it will not be long and I believe Cloathing &c will arrive for them — Colo Hazen upon his arrival at Head Quarters will be able to give a particular account of our Situation here in this Quarter. I wod have you immediately upon the Receipt of this proceed to Genl Gates as you will see by the Inclosed I have nothing more at present to write to him, but Spies have been discovered three different ways, one of which is taken he was from Canada, and informs he expected a Party wod had been upon this River before this. The main weight of the Men wod willingly have marched to Albany, only leaving a Guard here had it not been for Genl Starks Letter to Govr Chittenden, and the Committees were not willing, as they supposed every thing here to be in the utmost danger, they are willing to march to the Northward agreeable to their Inlistments — If things are likely to succeed for an Expedition to Canada which you will find by Genl Gates, you will desire the liberty for our men to return and others sent to relieve them as we shall be more handy here to March this way. I shall be glad to know your proceedings if you can get Liberty to come yourself shall be glad, otherwise send by Express —

I have parties out three different ways into Canada and have sent Surveyors to Plan and mark the Roads, that Genl Bayleys Sentiments agrees with mine and has wrote pretty much the same to Genl Gates as you find my Letter, it will be necessary you shod return as speedy as possible if we march this way you may inform the Genl we shall be able to raise about 1500 or 2000 Men to March into that Country — Your idea of the Circumstances of the affair & the Copies you receive will point out to you what you think will be best to Communicate to Genl Gates, you will use all precautions imaginable to bring things to bear and use your utmost endeavours to accomplish everything you may judge for the good of the service — I saw one of the Chiefs of the Satagan Tribe at Hegan River who informs that both

Canadians and Indians were greatly disappointed in the failure of our last Winters Expedition — that the heavy cannon were moving from St Johns to Quebec that they are still ready to join our army in that Country also that the Satigan tribe to the Number of one hundred families have left their Village at Sattigan and come to Rocameco on Ammoscogan River and are determined not to return to Canada, that the cause of their removal was the threats & frowns from the Enemy, for suffering that part of Canada to be alarmed by a small party of the Rebels last winter, and most solmenly promising that if any thing of that sort should happen [in the] future their Habitations sho^d be destroyed & village burnt — some things are not to be made known to every one which you will I make no doubt observe

Lt Colo: Wheelock

[R. 5-149] [*John Penhallow to Board of War.*]

Boston monday morning July 20th 1778

Dear Sir — Imbrace the Earliest opportunity by a Person who is going no further than Newbury Port, but hope this will get to hand by Wednesday. I acquainted you in my last that I could do nothing at Newbury the articles we wanted were not to be had, then made the best dispatch in my way to Salem, where I arrived safe Fryday afternoon Immediately applied to Mr Stephen Higginson for the goods and shew him my memorandum, but upon going round the Town, found the Connecticut and Rhode Island agents, had made sweeping work by their large purchases, and bought up the Linnens, Stockings &c. that in short nothing left of the kind to be purchased, but as there is a Grand Prize arrived at Salem taken by one of their Privateers in the mouth of Canada River, valued at Thirty thousand Pounds Sterling, Mr Higginson has Promised me to Examine the Invoices and by Wednesday to write me whether the articles are on Board said Prize that we want to purchase. A Saturday when I got to Boston, went upon the search again for the goods, but at Present have no prospect of Succeeding, however I have applied to a worthy acquaintence of mine who will do every thing in his power to assist me in the affair. Shall soon write you again whether to send the waggons or not — If can procure this morning Newspaper will inclose it pr this opportunity. I hope you have Purchased Capt. Woodbury's Osnabrigs I am agoing to make another visit round the Town this Forenoon, to see what can be done — I have nothing further at Present, but am D^r S^r with great esteem

Y^r affec^t Friend & Hum^l Servant

John Penhallow

I congratulate you on the News of the French Fleet arrived they are under the Direction of Congress a grand Stroke is to be Struck —

[Superscribed] On Public Service — To Joshua Wentworth Esq. Board of War At Portsmouth

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[*John Penhallow to the Board of War. N. H. Historical Society's Miscellaneous Collections, Vol. I. p.* 105.]

Boston July 23d 1778 —

Dr Sir — I recd your Favour of the 20th Instant and observe the Contents, deliv'g the Certificates, Message about Sugar, and Capt Langdons Tichlenburgs, and also of Mr Leigh, Returning towards North River — I find the articles we want Exceeding scarce and dear. I have purchased about nine Bolts of osnaburgs and one of Tichlenburgs at 8/ pr yard, and about 400 yards of other Cloaths that will answer the same end, but am obligd to pick it up in every part of the Town — I have also purchased about 15 doz yarn Stock'gs very high and no more at present to be had, all the thread hose I have been able to purchase ; there is but one man that I can Persuade to take the Certificates, hope to pay them away this Morning for Linnen &c. Shall be able to Fill Two If not Three hhds of goods and beg the Favour of you to Forward the Waggon as soon as Possible. If I leave Boston before the Waggon arrives I shall leave the goods in the Care of Ellis Gray Esqr to be Del'd your order — I fell in with Mr Cushing the last Evening who had a Vessell Just arrived from France, out of which I hope to get a Further Supply. — I shall do every thing that Lays in my Power to procure the goods, which at Present Cannot be done, unless they are on Board Mr Cushings ship from France. If I have goods of any Person I must Engage the Running Money — therefore please to Lay in with the Treasurer for that to be had as soon as Possible as the Credit given here will be very short —

Its Recommended by Genl Washington to the State to send out all their vessels of Force to Intercept the Cork fleet bound to New York with provisions, take the hint and send the Sullivan —

I shall git home as soon as Possible — Excuse the above being in great haste —

I am Dr Sr with great esteem,
yr Friend & huml Servant
John Penhallow

Joshua Wentworth Esqr

[Addressed] To Joshua Wentworth Esqr Board of War att Portsmouth

[R. 5-150] [*Commissary Leigh to Board of War.*]

North Castle July 24th 1778 —

Sir — This will be delivered you by Mr Nicholas Nichols and serves to inclose you Rects for Cash & Flower agreeable to the Inclosed Invoice — Possably the Long Detention of the Waggons may occasion some degree of surprise on the part of the H. Board — therefore would beg leave to observe in General Terms that the very uncertain Movements of our Army made a step of this nature Indispensably necessary — however painful and Disagreeable it was to me to have on hand so many of the Necessarys that the troops stood in much need of — yet their moveable posture put it Intirely out of my power to administer to them any kind of Relief — however on the whole have acted intirely agreeable to Genl Poors advice and as that Gent has wrote the board on the occasion hope shall not be even suspected of being Inattentive to my business — I would Just Beg leave to observe to the H. Board that yesterday and the day before I Issued to the troops to a Considerable Amount — Accord'g to Rule in about three weeks a payment of the troops will take place and then shall without loss of time make the most spediest Remittance to the H. Board — In order that they may in some Measure be Enabled to Further the virtuous intentions of Government in forward'g to Camp such ample supplys so that I may be Enabled to act myself by delivering to each man an adequate supply of such necessarys as he may stand in need of — there is no consideration would Tempt me Either to Flatter Government or the Honle Board and would wish through the Channell of the Board yt Government might be made acquainted that a Perseverance of the Present plan in supply'g their troops at the Reasonable Rates they are now fixt at will quickly Regain them the Confidence of their troops — In short the most sensible part of them are highly pleased at the thoughts of their not being so much neglected as heretofore — and I make not the least doubt but did the H. Board know how much our troops suffered during the Course of the last Winter they would Fully Join in sentiment with me that under God his Excellency our General is indebted to the virtue of the Soldiery for that Respectable Army he now Commands — In mine of the 2d Inst I transmitted tl H. Board everything I at that time knew with Respect to the Memorable Battle of Monmouth and still Believe that acct to be nearly right with this addition that the numbers of the Enemy slain Included about 40 supposed to be Buried by the Enemy themselves & had his Excellencys plan bin as well Executed as it was (in my opinion) laid it doubtless would have bin still more Important — however I cannot but think it an Important

affair: for at least it will serve to Convince the whole world that the Americans Dare face their Enemy in the Open Field & Beat them too with Inferior numbers—the principal part of our army now layes at the White plains — its Impossible for a man to Determine what will be done but I am rather Inclinable to think y^t^ something important will soon take place — for as it is expected y^t^ a very powerfull fleet of Spanish Ships is arrived by this to act In Conjunction with the French, I cannot think that a Force so strong both by sea & land will Remain long in a state of Inaction — But doubtless a short time will Determine —You doubtless will be informed by the waggoners of their misfortune in looseing their wheels & one of their horses for a short space, I humbly Conceive it to be absolutely necessary that both Horses & Waggon Wheels ought to be stampt with some kind of a mark so that they may be known when seen again — In your esteemed favour of the 10th Ins^t^ Received ℘ Coll Titcomb am inform'd I may soon expect a supply of Rum &c and shall only observe y^t^ Immediately on their arrival shall Dismiss y^m^ with a load of Flower haveing already purchased & made payment for enough for three Waggons — Youl find in the Invoice three Bbls of superfine Flower with different marks — its true I had no orders for so doing but then if any loss shall accrue to Government will be answerable for the same — The absolute necessity of my Return'g without loss of time to where my goods are stored prevents my being so particular as I could wish, therefore in my next will Descend more Into particulars and in the Interim youl give me leave to assure you that I am with all possible marks of Esteem,

Sir Your Most Obed^t^ Hbl Servant

Joseph Leigh

[R. 5–151] [*Joseph Boyd Recommended.*]

To the Honble Gent^n^ of the Committee of Safety at Exeter —

We the subscribers being Personally acquainted with Mr Joseph Boyd of Pemaquid, and are of opinion he is Real Friend to the States, as he has Been in this River a Trading —

Nathl Folsom
Neal M^c^Intyer
Benj^a^ Bigelow

Portsmouth July 24th 1778 —

[Mr. Boyd was permitted to carry away eighty bushels of bread corn. — Ed.]

[R. 5-151] [*Robert Taggart Recommended.*]

Gen[l] Hospital Providence July 31st 1778.

This Certifies that since the Regiment Commanded by L[t] Col. Peabody has been on duty in this State Rob[t] Taggart has acted in the Station of a Surgeon's Mate — That he has appeared sober & diligent in his business, and I recommend his appointment to that place — Jon[a] Arnold Direct. Gen[l]

To whom it Concerns

[*Letter. Colonel Hazen to Colonel Bedel. Bedel Papers, N. H. Historical Society, p.* 1.]

Camp at White Plains July 25th 1778

Dear Sir I am very sorry to find that by the Present Cestem [System ?] of Politicks our proposed expedition to Canada, must be Post poned. Congress, the Commander in Chief, and Gen[l] Gates, have the union of that Country much at heart — But the arrival of the french fleet and the effectual measures which they have taken to block up Lord Howes fleet both at New York and Rhode Island, Commands the attention of our Generals to this Quarter, in hopes of Burgoining Clintons Army —

With respect to your own Reg[t] Col[o] Wheelock will inform you. I would advise your sending over to Albany all the men that you can persuade to march — the remainder may be retained untill matters are further settled as scouting parties and to guard your frontier &c.

let General Bayley draw a Petition to Congress seting forth in the strongest terms the utility of that Country at present to the Public, it being a frontier, and the service it may be of in a future Day, on an expedition to Canada. The services which you have heretofore rendered the Public &c. which you or Col. Wheelock should carry to Congress and get the Reg[t] settled some way or other on a Certain footing. Shall be glad to hear from you and to know the report of the Parties you sent into Canada and to survey the road.

I am yours &c

Colo. Bedle — Moses Hazen

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

We the Subscribers acknowledge we have recd the within sums to our Names affixed as one Months advance pay — Rec[d] of Benjamin Bellows Esq.

The Names of the Men in Claremont.

Lieut. Barnabas Ellis	Stephen Kidder	Christopher York
Corp[l] James Aldin	Joseph Woods	Amasa Fuller
Jude Benjamin	Ebenezer Fielding	Reuben Spenser
Corp[l] Joseph Clark	Silas Royce	Henry Stevens
Oliver Cook	William Osgood	Moses Allin
Daniel Ford	Levi Higby	Edward Grannis
Josiah Hatch	Dan. Clark	John Spencer
John Verry		

Alstead.

Simon Rumrille	Samuel Fletcher	Jacob Wardner
Eben[r] Kingsbury	Asa Hatch	

Charlestown.

Asa Spofford	John Simonds	John Cross
Aaron Adams	Benj. Jones (James Call went for Jones)	

Marlow.

Luman Gee	Jon[a] Fletcher	Andrew Boynton
Silas Mack	David Howard	Jesse Scovill

Newport.

Jesse Bailey

Springfield.

John M[c]Roberts

Walpole.

Martin Dammon Aaron Stearns

[See Vol. XV. pp. 23–33. They receipted for £4. 10. 0 each, except Lieutenant Ellis. — Ed.]

A Muster Roll of part of Captain Charls Nelsons Company in the Battalion of Forces in the Sarvice of the United States Commanded by Col. Timothy Bedel, 1778.

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

Appointed { April 1st 1778: Capt. Charls Nelson Liut.
—do— do 2nd Lieutnant Ezra Moor

Apointed	Sargt.	Term	Inlisted	Privete	
April 1778	John Starke	1. yere	April	Christopher Cary	1. yere
do	Constant Bliss	do	do	Simon Gillit	do
do	John Asborn	do	do	Alpheus Phillips	do
			do	Alexander Phelps	do
	Corporals		do	Solomon Root	do
do	Aron Post	do	do	Aron Trusdoll	do
do	Thomas Pooter	do			
do	Amos Skiner	do			
	Drumbr				
do	Thomas Devine	do			

Charles Nelson Capt.

Albany July 30 1778 Mustered then part of Capt. Charles Nelsons Company as Specified in the above Roll

Richard Lush Dept. M. M.

A Muster Roll of part of Capt. William Toltons Company In the Battalion of Forces in the Service of the United States Comanded By Colo. Timothy Bedel— 1778. —

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

	Apointed	Sargt.	Term	
1	April 1778	Jonas Chapman	1. yere	
	Inlisted	*Privates*		
1	April	David Richason	do	
2	do	Benja. Sanborn	do	
3	do	Nemiah Snow	do	
4	do	Benjamin Wells	do	
5	do	Nathaniel Webster	do	
6	do	Samuel Hogdge	do	

Charls Nelson Capt.

Albany July 30 1778 Mustered then part of Captain William Toltons Company as Specified in the above Roll

Richard Lusk, Dept. M. M.

A Muster Roll of Part of Captain Joseph. Taylors Company in The Battalion of Forces in the Service of the United States Commanded by, Col. Timothy Bedel — 1778.

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

No	Apointed	Serjeants	Term	Remarks.
1	April 1778	Jabez Baldwin	1. year	
	Inlisted	*Privates*		
1	April	Asa Call	do	
2	do	Eden Dyke	do	Under Guard
3	do	Calvin Dyke	do	
4	do	Amasa Fuller	do	
5	do	Valentine Flossington	do	
6	do	Asa. Hodges	do	
7	do	Levi Hyde	do	
8	do	Luke Lamfiear	do	
9	do	William York	do	

Albany July 30 1778 Mustered then part of Captain Joseph Taylors Company As specified in the above Roll. —

Richard Lush Dept. M. M.

Pay Roll of Captain Ezekiel Ladd's Company in Col. Timothy Bedels Regiment — Raised for the Defence of the Frontiers on and adjacent to Connecticut River.

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

NAMES & RANKS		Commencement of Pay	Time of service		Pay P month	Total amouut of Pay.		
			mos	days	Dollars	£	S.	P.
Ezekiel Ladd.	Captain	1st Apl. 1778	12	//	40	144	0	0
James Ladd.	1st Lieutenant	do	12	//	27	97	4	0
Ephraim Patterson	2nd Lieut.	do	12	//	27	97	4	0
Daniel Stevens	Serjeant	13th do	11	18	8	27	16	9
Thomas Richards	Serjeant	11th do	11	20	8	27	19	11
Joseph Webb	Serjeant	8th do	11	23	8	28	4	8
John Sanders	Serjeant	8th do	11	23	8	28	4	8
Seba Bebee	Corporal	6th do	11	25	7⅓	26	0	7
John Mills	Corporal	6th do	11	25	7⅓	26	0	7
Ezra Gates	Corporal	9th do	11	22	7⅓	25	19	1½
Abel Davies	Corporal	9th do	11	22	7⅓	25	19	1½
David Ladd	Drummer	6th do	11	25	7⅓	26	—	7
John Richards	Fifer	9th do	11	22	7⅓	25	19	1½
John Andross	Private	1st May	11	—*	6⅔	22	0	0
Levi Andross	Private	June 1st	10		6⅔	20		
Abijah Bayley	Private	9th April	11	22	6⅔	23	9	4
Moody Bedel	Private	8th do	11	23	6⅔	23	10	8
Samuel Crook	Private	11th do	11	20	6⅔	23	6	8
Hill Chandler.	Private	7th do	11	24	6⅔	23	12	—
John Clark	Private	30th do	11	1	6⅔	22	1	4
Edward Clark	Private	7th do	11	24	6⅔	23	12	
Joseph Clark	Private	14th do	11	17	6⅔	23	2	8
Robart Carr	Private	9th do	11	22	6⅔	23	9	4
Andrew Crook	Private	9th do	11	22	6⅔	23	9	4
Abner Chandler	Private	7th do	11	24	6⅔	23	12	—
Philer Chandler	Private	1st May	11	—	6⅔	22	//	//
Thomas Crook	Private	June 1st	10		6⅔	20		
Charles Crook	Private	June 1st	10		6⅔	20		
Ezekiel Colby	Private	9th Apl.	11	22	6⅔	23	9	4
Gordon Dustin	Private	10th do	11	21	6⅔	23	8	
Daniel Davies	Private	2nd June	9	29	6⅔	19	18	8
Thomas Davies	Private	8th Apl.	11	23	6⅔	23	10	8
Jonathan Elkins	Private	9th do	11	22	6⅔	23	9	4
Jonathan Elkins Junr	do	9th do	11	22	6⅔	23	9	4
Ezekiel Ladd	"	8th do	11	23	6⅔	23	10	8
Jonathan Farewell	Pri.	8th April	11	23	6⅔	23	10	8
Seth Ford	Private	†	10	—	6⅔	20		
Hezekiah Ford by his son as substitute Joseph Ford		8th April	11	23	6⅔	23	10	8
Stephen Gates		9th do	11	22	6⅔	23	9	4
Edward Green		9th do	11	22	6⅔	23	9	4

* Illegible. † Torn out.

NAMES & RANKS	Commencement of Pay	Time of service		Pay P month	Total amount of Pay.		
		mos	days	Dollars	£	S.	P.
Bradbury Green	9th April	11	22	6⅔	23	9	4
Amos Heath	8th do	11	23	6⅔	23	10	8
Michal Johnston	13th do	11	18	6⅔	23	4	8*
Elisha Lock	13th do	11	18	6⅔	23	4	8*
William Lock	8th do	11	23	6⅔	23	10	8
Joseph Ladd	11th do	11	20	6⅔	22*	6*	8
Jonathan Ladd	6th do	11	25	6⅔	23	13	4
Stephen Lund	12 do	11	19	6⅔	23	5	4
Jonathan Lovering	23rd do	11	8	6⅔	22	10	8
John Martin	8th do	11	23	6⅔	23	10	8
Nathanael Niles	9th do	11	22	6⅔	23	9	4
Israel Olmsted	8th do	11	23	6⅔	23	10	8
Ichabod Patterson	7th do	11	24	6⅔	23	12	—
Benjamin Patterson	June 1st	10	—	6⅔	20	18*	8*
Richard Pillsbury	10th Aprl.	11	21	6⅔	23	8	
Richard Pillsbury Junr	10 do	11	21	6⅔	23	8	
Josiah Pillsbury	10th do	11	21	6⅔	23	8	
Jonathan Ring	9th do	11	22	6⅔	23	9	4
Simeon Root	9th do	11	22	6⅔	23	9	4
Moses Stevens	11th do	11	20	6⅔	23	6	8
Francis Stevens	11th do	11	20	6⅔	23	6	8
John Skeels	10th do	11	11	6⅔	23	8	8
Avery Sanders	13th do	11	18	6⅔	23	4	—
Daniel Stevens Junr	13th do	11	18	6⅔	23	4	
Simeon Smith	9th do	11	22	6⅔	23	9	4
Moses Sleeper	10th do	11	21	6⅔	23	8	—
Joseph Thurber	6th do	11	25	6⅔	23	13	4
John Way Junr	7th do	11	24	6⅔	23	12	—
John Winslow	9th do	11	22	6⅔	23	9	4
Reuben Whitcher	10th do	11	21	6⅔	23	8	—
				£	816	19	4†

* Doubtful. † Figures indistinct — has the appearance of — 811 9 4

[See Vol. XV. pp. 584–593. — Ed.]

A Muster Roll of the men Raised in the Sixth Regiment of Militia in the State of New Hampshire for the Defence of Rhode Island [1778]

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

NAMES	Time of Inlisting	Town they served for	Place of Residence	Paid Bounty and Travel of ye men	
Peirce Hall	July 11	Winchester	Winchester	39	10
Joel Roberts	July 11th	Winchester	Winchester	39	10
Asa Daggit	July 5th	Westmorland	Westmorland	42	0
Perly Rogers	July 5th	Westmorland	Westmorland	42	—
Nathl Runnels	July 5th	Westmorland	Putney	42	—
Aarthur Cary	July 7th	Surrey	Keen	42	—
Jonathan Creasey	July 8th	Chesterfield	Chesterfield	41	—
John Putman	July 8th	Chesterfield	Chesterfield	41	—
Martin Hildrich	July 8th	Chesterfield	Chesterfield	41	—
John Whitcomb	July 7th	Swansey	Swansey	40	—
Eliphalet Hall	July 7th	Swansey	Swansey	40	—
James Balloo	July 12th	Richmond	Richmond	40	—
Isaiah Thurber	July 12	Richmond	Richmond	40	—
Richard Westcoat	July 12	Richmond	Warwick	40	—
Ephraim Witherel	July 9th	Keen	Keen	41	10
Jesse Smith	July 13	Gillsum	Washington	42	—
Thomas Bishop	July 6	Hinsdale	Hinsdale	41	
Joseph Brown	July 21	Keen	Keen	41	10

A True Return of the men Raised for the Defence of the State of Rhode Island in the Sixth Regiment of Militia in the State of New Hampshire with an Account of the Money Paid them for Bounty and travel.

Attest. Timothy Ellis — Muster Master

To the Honl Nathaniel Fulsom Majr General of the Militia of the State of New Hampshire.

[*Letter. Daniel Moor to Samuel Moore.*]

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

Bedford Agust ye 5th Day 1778

For Capt. Samuel Moore

Sir

A Vigorous Attack their at this Time appears Very Likely to be productive of Happy Concequenses and of Imediately puting an end to the war on this Continent Therfore you are hereby Derected forthwith without an Hours Delay of time to call Your Company togither Training Band and Alarm list and use your utmost Endeavours to raise As Many Volunteers as Possible to mount there Horses and go Forward with all Speed to providence in the State of Rhode Island and put theirselves under the Command of Genl Sullivan Where the will not be Detained but a Short time Probably but A few Days and you are to Call on the Selectmen to advance £10 to Each Volunteer that Engages to go which shall Be repaid to them out of the State Tresuary and the Commitee Will lay the Matter before the General Asembly and Recomend To them to give Suitable Rewards to all Noble Spirited persons Who Steps forth at this Critical time to Serve their Country.

I Pray for Gods sake that Every Officer and Man will Exert themselves for the good of there Country, And meet me at Amherst Meeting house on Sunday ye 9th Instant at Eight O Clock in the fornoon

Daniel Moor Coll

[On the reverse of the foregoing is the following:]

To Capt Samuel Moor
in Derryfield these with Care and Speed

Derryfield August ye 7th 1778 — We the Undr Subcribrs Do Volentryly In Liste our Selves to Asiste our Country Men in the Defences of our Lifes and librteys and in Behalf of Derryfield in the State of New hampShier for said Serves we Acknolige to heave Received from the Selectmen of Said Derryfield ten Poundes Each of us as witens our hands.

Loot Saml Boyd
Joseph Gorge
George Greaham
Zachariah Holden

Rd in behalf of the Selectmen of Derryfield Forty pounds for the Above advance.

pr James Betton

[*Bounties Paid by Henniker.*]

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

State of New hampsher } Henniker Augt ye 6th 1778
Hillsborough ss. } Pursuent to an order Rec^d from the Committe of Safty for the Stat afoursaid we have taken one hund^d and forty pounds of the money Collected to pay our Stat Tax and hve paid to Each of the within Naimed persons Teen pounds

Abel Gibson } Selectmen for
Otis How } Henniker

March 15th 1779 Rec^d an order upon the Treasurer for one Hundred & Forty Pounds for advance for 14 Soldiers Voluntiers for the State of Rode Island Isaac Andrews

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Henniker Augt ye 6th 1778

We the Subscribers Do inlist our Selves into a Company wheir of Jonas Bowman is Capt to march to Providenc their to put our Selves under Genar^l Sollivan as witness our Hands.

1	James Joslyn	£10. 0. 0	8	Jonas Bowman	£10. 0. 0
2	John Clough	10. 0. 0	9	Reuben Whitcomb	10. 0. 0
3	Elisha Barnes	10. 0. 0	10	Robert Cambell	10. 0. 0
4	Ezekiel Stone	10. 0. 0	11	Levi Herriman	10. 0. 0
5	Joshua Whitney	10. 0. 0	12	Sarjant Heath	10. 0. 0
6	Joseph farle Spaulden	10. 0. 0	13	Tille How	10. 0. 0
7	Abiather Bowman	10. 0. 0	14	Jonathan How	10. 0. 0
					140. 0. 0

Henniker August ye 6th 1778

this Day Rec^d of the Selectmen of Henniker Teen pounds Each man for which we have ingaged to Joyn Genarall Sullivan ameadiately we say Rec^d By us.

Elisha Barns	James Joslyn	Reuben Whitcomb
Jonathan How	John Clough	Robart Campell
Ezekiel Stone	Joseph farley Spaulden	Levi Herriman
Tille How	Abiathar Bowman	Sargent Heath
Joshua Whitney	Jonas Bowman	

The above named M. ere in Lieu[t] Jonas Bowman's Roll and ten Pounds is deducted from each Man's pay, amounting in the whole to One Hundred & forty Pounds —

Attest[n] Josiah Gilman Jun[r]

[*Goffstown Bounties.*]

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

Goffstown Aug[t] 7th 1778

We the Subscribers Acknoweledge that we have Rec[d] Each of us Ten Pounds as a Bounty from the Town of Goffstown to Enable us to go to Providince in Rod island to Do a short tower of Duty as Volenteers in the Contenental army under Gen[r] Sulivan. Witness our Seperate hands.

1 Sam[ll] Richards
2 John Dinsmoor
3 John Butterfield
4 Thos Miller
5 Eben[r] Coston
6 Elijah his × mark Kider
7 Reuben his × mark Kidear
8 Tho[s] Carr
9 Sam[l] M[c]Farland
10 Sam[l] Karr
11 Peter Butterfield
12 James Walker
13 Eliphalet Richards
14 Matthew Richardson
15 George Little
16 David Stevens Ju
17 Jonathan Bell
18 Nathan Hawse
19 Caleb Little
20 Tho[s] Shirla
21 Thomas Saltmarsh
22 Alex[r] Gilcrest
23 Seth Wyman
24 Philip Ferren
25 George Little
26 Moses Little
27 Robert M Gregor
28 W[m] M[c]Dowell
29 Moses Kelly

Nov[r] 5th 1778 Rec[d] an order on the Treasurer for Two hundred & ninety pounds which was advanced by Goffstown to these Twenty nine Volunteers.

Moses Kelly

[*New Boston Bounties.*]

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

New Boston August ye 7th 1778

Wee the Subscribers each of us has received Ten pounds Lawfull Money from the Selectmen of New Boston agreabel to the orders Captain Boyes Received from Col^o Daniel Moore —

Dated August ye 5th 1778

Robert Patterson Jr	Robert Waugh	Josiah Hitchings
Archibald McAllester	John McAllester	Eliphalet Dustin
James Wilson Junr	Samuel Caldwell	Reuben Gregg
John McMillan Junr	Elisha Dodge Jr	William Waugh
James McFerson	John Cochran	James Waugh
Reuben Smith	William Boyes	Timothy Wyman
Robert Wilson	William Livingston	

N. B. The Subscribers went soldiers to Rhode Island

Etest too

Robert Campbell
Robert Patterson 3^d

[*Hillsborough Bounties.*]

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

Hillsborough Agust ye the 8 1778

We the Subscribers Volintears of the Town of Hillsborough for the Expedition to Providence Have Receved of the Selectmen Each of us Ten Pound We say received by us —

John Graham ?	Archibald taggert	William Pope
William Gammell	Alexander McClintok	Daniel Gibson
Samuel Preston	Solomon Andrews	

September 26th 1778 Rec^d an order on the Treasurer for eighty pounds in behalf of the Selectmen of Hillsborough

Wm Taggart

[*Somersworth Bounties.*]

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

We the Subscribers have Received of the Select Men of the Town of Somersworth Ten Pound Lawfull money Each it Being a States Bounty For which Consideration we promise to join General Sulivan in an Expedition against Rode Island and Stay one month from this Date if wanted

Somersworth August the 8th 1778

1 John Rollins	9 Benjn Warren	17 Philip Stacpole
2 John Drew	10 Jonn Wentworth	18 Absulam Stacpole
3 Andrew Horn	11 Charles Baker	19 Moses Yeaton Ju
4 Charles Brown	12 Paul Lord	20 John Furness
5 Mark Wentworth	13 Ebenezer Ricker	21 James Hobbs
6 Caleb horn	14 Joshua Stacpole	22 Moses Carr Jr
7 Moses Yeaton	15 Thos Wallingford Jur	
8 James Garvin	16 Benjn Quimby	

Twenty one of these signers are made up in Capt. Moses Yeatons Roll, and the Sum of ten Pounds is deducted from each mans pay — Capt. Jonathan Wentworth is not made up in any Roll

Exeter April 22, 1780

Examined ℘ Josiah Gilman Junr

Recd an order on the Treasurer for two hundred and twenty pounds —

Jona Wentworth

[*Dover Bounties.*]

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

Dover August ye 8 — 1778

this Day we the Subscribers has listed our Selves as Vollinteers to Joyn Genl Sullivans Division at Rode island And Does Engage to obey all Such orders and Directions as the Genl Shall give out and to submit to all the Rules and Regulations of the Army we also acknowledge that we have Received ten pounds to each man as a bounty from the Selectmen of the town of Dover as witness our hands

By virtue of an order from the Committee of Safety of the State of Newhampshire

Moses Ham	Daniel Cushing	John Gage
William Watson	Josiah Folsom	Ephraim Ham
Joshua Wingate	Abraham Hanson	David Ham
Robert Peapel	Chas. Clapham	
Benj Hayes	John Remick	

Exeter March 31st 1779 Recd in behalf of the Selectmen of Dover an order on the Treasury for one hundred & Thirty pounds —

Caleb Hodgson

[*Rochester Bounties.*]

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

We the Subscribers Each one of us Acknowledge we have Recd of the Selectmen of Rochester the sum of Ten pound Lawful money Agreeable to a Recommendation of the Honourable Committee for this State allowed to all Volunteers that turn out to join the army at Providence under the Command of Genl Sulivan. Recd by us —

Rochester ye 10th August 1778

1 Enoch Hayes	7 Jabez Dame	14 Richard Persun
2 John Bergin	8 Jas. How	15 Israel Ham
3 Samuel Phelp?	9 Jason Chamberlin	16 John Wingate
4 Eben Pecker	10 Moses Roberts	17 George Hayes
5 George his × mark Place	11 Zebulon Davis	18 Edward Rollins
6 Jeremiah Clements	12 Ebenr Tebbets	19 Thomas Barber?
	13 Beard Plumer	

the above paid by Tebbets

1779 Feby 25 Recd an order on the Treasurer for one hundred & ninty pound, in full of the above ℘ Ebenezer Tebbets

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[R. 5–152] [*Ephraim Robinson to Board of War.*]

Exeter Augst 11th 1778

Sir. on my Return from Portsmo last evening found Nichols & Taylor had arrived with their Waggons, and on viewing them I find

they are considerable out of Repair by loosing wheels &c and as I tho't it advisable the Board should be acquainted therewith, have sent Mr Nichols with these few lines for that purpose — have also sent a Packet from Mr Leigh which I made bold to open which must beg you will excuse — The Flour & Cash mention'd I have Reced (as I thot most prudent) which will remain untill your orders thereon — I refer you to General Nichols for a further acct of matters & am with Respect Sr your most Humbl Servt

Ephm Robinson

J. Penhallow Esqr

[R. 5-153] [*Commissary Leigh to Board of War.*]

Camp at White Plains Augt 19th 1778

Sir — My last was from this place the 29th ult. ℘ Mr Ayers Inclosing you his Rect for nine hundred & ninety dollars payable at 10 Days after his Return — as Mr Ayers had a Prospect of laying the sum out. In Consideration of that advantage he agreed to Risque & Carry it Free from Expense — therefore hope youl not censure my Conduct for accept'g his terms when a saveing to Government would Consequently ensue — In mine ℘ Nichols I made mention with Respect to the Payment of the troops — it was to have taken place the last week but the want of Cash at the pay office prevents it, however it will soon take place and then shall make the board a Remittance ℘ first safe hand — I have now before me the Boards esteemed favour of 29th ulto. Received ℘ Mr Piper and full well observe its Contents — I mean on the morrow to make a Report to Genl Poor of every Individual article Issued together with what remains on hand and likewise what I may Reasonably expect and as that Gent will be able to Inform me of such articles as the troops will be able to procure from the Continental store — I then shall be able in my next to transmit the Board such accts as will enable them to Form a Right Idea what will be necessary to procure and send — but in the Interim I give it you as my opinion that the Linnen & shirts for the officers are generous I would ever wish them to be comfortable but not to be enabled to make a Merchandize of the Favours of Government — youl find Inclosed a price Currt from the Connecticut State Store with Respect to some articles — youl there find what a Material Difference there is in the Prices — Your pleasure shall be mine but especially with Respect to the Wine shall not fix any price till your Future Pleasure shall be known — Whether it would be Improper

for me to be Instructed to Conform as near as may be to the Regulations in your sister State Stores is not for me but the board to Determine when a General Regulation is ordered in Camp I then know how to act — but this much I can inform the board in Confidence that it is the clear opinion of some that the West India goods are under rated — youl find Inclosed Mr Pipers Rect for 360 Dollars in Cash & Invoice of 10 Bbl flower which wish safe to hand: Mr Piper will likewise deliver you three Beaver Caps Returned as made of old Hatts — Youl be able to Judge whether this assertion is Founded on Truth: If it is I am sorry to find that any Person should be so lost to every Principle of virtue as would wish to Impose on Gent who not only Foregoes every private advantage but Risques his life in order that their liberties might be established on a Permanent Foot'g.

I have the Honour to Remain Sir
Your Most Obedt Hbl Servt
Joseph Leigh

[R. 5–154]

[*Connecticut Price-List Mentioned in Foregoing.*]

White Plains 19th Augt 1778

Sir. In Compliance with your Desire of the 17th we here exhibit the Price Current of Sundry Articles of Refreshment, sent on by the State of Connecticut to issue to their Troops viz —

Port & Teneriff Wine	@	30/ ℔	Gallon
West India Rum	@	12/	"
New England do.	@	8/	"
Coffee	@	2/ ℔	lb.
Brown Sugar	@	1/	"

Ithr Bingham } Issuing
William Redfield Jr } Comm'ys

To Joseph Leigh Esqr

[R. 5-154] [*Ephraim Robinson to Board of War.*]

Exeter Augt 29th 1778

Sr Inclosed is an order for selling the Flour & Rice belonging to the State — what little Flour was to dispose of I have let go here, if the other Waggons arrive I shall keep their Loads untill hear from you as suppose it will be want'g at Portsmo.' should be glad you will affix the price & let me know the first Opportunity & if it can be spared should be glad of 2 or 3 Casks Rice here as it is much wanting —

I am in great haste S^{r} your most obd^{t}

Eph^{m} Robinson

To John Penhallow Esqr Merch^{t} at Portsm^{o}

[R. 5-155]

[*Concerning Abner Allen and Joseph Metcalf, Jr.*]

State of New Hamp^{r} — In the House of Representatives Augt 19th 1778 —Voted that Abner Allen a Soldier in Lieu^{t} James Robertsons Company (not being returned upon his Roll) have & receive out of the Treasury thirty Shillings and nine Pence for his Services in June 1777 by order of the President and that the same be paid to Mr Michael Cressey for the said Allen — Sent up for Concurrence

John Dudley Speak^{r} pro tem

[The same vote was passed relative to Joseph Metcalf, Jr. — Ed.]

[*The Engineer to La Fayette. Copy. From Bedel Papers, p.* 76.]

25th Augt 1778

Sir — Your Excellencys orders I rec^{d} and immediately repaired to Co'os where I rec^{d} Colo: Bedels orders to proceed to the Upper Co'os to mark out Ground to Build a Fort which I accordingly accomplished and sent your Excellency a Plan of the same. Since which I have been out with a Party to find a Road to the River Masco, the

Road is measured * Mountains and all difficulties I have passed by and find a good Road may be had that way to Canada the Road is well marked, your Excellency will receive a Plan of the same by the first Post from this place. The Store house is nearly completed and very Commodious, a number of Troops is here on duty, and we have a fine Prospect of Provisions — Since my orders from your Honour I have not drawn for any Pay for myself or Assistants sho^{d} be glad to know what I must do and who to draw upon — If your Honor thinks it necessary the Garrison at the Upper Co'os sho^{d} go on I am will^{g} to proceed and Compleat the same but the articles in my Invoice sent in a former Letter is wanted —

Marquis de la fayette

[*Copy of Letter from Col. Bedel to Gen. Gates. Bedel Papers, p. 76.*]

Haverhill 25th Augt 1778

Sir — You receive by Genl Bayley a Copy of Intelligence bro^{t} from Canada by Capt Taylor & Mr Jon^{a} Farewell just arrived from thence. I have Scouts out to Nicholat who are watching the Enemies motions in those parts and we have found a good Road to the River Masco and Chambale The Chief from St Francois is here he arrived a day or two ago and Informs he was obliged to qu it the Place a number of British & Hessian Troops commanded by Capt Frazier had arrived there with great Threats and he was advised to make the best of his way to this Place and he is now waiting to know what will be done for them, as he says we have a great number of Friends that way

for further particulars shall refer you to Genl Bayley who accompanies this Every thing seems to have a good Prospect in regard to Provisions &c. both here and in Canada —

Honble Genl Gates

[* The words "by the chain 32 miles" in the original have a line drawn through them. — Ed.]

A Return of the officers Names Rank Dates of Commissions & Casualties in the First New Hampshire Regiment Commanded by Col° Joseph Cilley, Agreable to Genl Orders of the 27th Instt. [August, 1778.]

[Original in Department of State, Washington, D. C.]

OFFICERS NAMES	Rank	Date of their Commissions	Casuaelties—
John Stark	Colonel	Novr 8th 1776	Resignd March 23d 1777
Joseph Cilley	Lt Colonel	do	Promoted to Colonel April 2d 1777
George Reid	Major	do	Promoted to Lt. Colonel Do. 2d 1777
Jeremiah Gilman	Capt	do	Promoted to Major April 2d 1777
William Scott	1 Capt	do	
Amos Morrill	2 do	do	
Jason Wait	3 do	do	
John House	4 do	do	Resignd March 4th 1778
Amos Emerson	5 do	do	
Ebenzr Frye	6 do	do	
Isaac Farwell	7 do	do	
Nathll Hutchins	8 do	Apl 2d 1777	
Simon Sartwell	1st 1st Lieut	Novr 8th 1776	
Moodey Dustan	2 do	do	
James Taggart	3 do	do	Resignd August 23d 1778
James Gould	4 do	do	
John More	5 do	do	
Pelig Williams	6 do	do	Resignd May 11th 1778
Jonathan Emerson	7 do	do	
Nathll M Calley	8 do	do	
Josiah Munro	1 2d Lieut	do	
Daniel Clap	2. do	do	
William Lee	3 do	do	Resignd January 9th 1778
William Bradford	4 do	do	Do August 24th 1778
William Hutchins	5 do	do	
Asa Senter	6 do	do	
Jeremiah Prichard	7 do	do	
Berzelial Howe	8 do	do	
Simon Morrill	1 Ensign	do	
Thomas Blake	2 do	do	
Joshua Thompson	3 do	do	
Jonathan Willard	4 do	do	[Genl
Francies Shandonet	5 do	do	Removed July 1777 A D Q M
Samuel Sweat	6 do	do	Discharged Sept. 26th 1777
Joseph Larrance	7 do	do	Disceast June 5th 1777
David Magett	8 do	do	Discharged Novr 20th 1777
Jonathan Perkins	9 do	July 29 1777	
Samuel Cotton	Chaplain	Apl. 9th 1777	Discharged August 7th 1777
Calab Stark	Adjt:	Novr 8th 1776	Removd Brigade Major to Genl Stark

OFFICERS NAMES	Rank	Date of their Commissions	Casuaelties
Benj[a] Kimbal	Pay Master	Nov[r] 8th 1776	
Partrick Cogan	Q Master	do	Disceast August 21st 1778
John Hale	Surgion	Apl. 2[d] 1777.	
Jonathan Pool	Mate	do	

Jo[s] Cilley Col[o]

[Endorsed] A List of the officers in the 1st N Hamp[r] Reg[t]

A list of the Rank & Occurrencies of The Field Commissioned And Staff Officers of The Second New Hamp[re] Regt —

[Original in Department of State, Washington, D. C.]

NAMES.	Rank.	Commissioned	Remarks —
Enoch Poor	Colonel	Nov[r] 8, 1776	Promoted to Brigadr Genl 22 Jany 77
Nathan Hale	Lieu[t] Col[o]	Nov[r] 8, 1776	Promoted to Colo Apl 2d 1777 —
Winborn Adams	Major	Ditto ———	Promoted to Lt Colo 2d Apl 1777 & killed in Battle Septr 19, Following.
	Captains.		
Benj[a] Titcomb	1 Cap[t]	Ditto ———	Promoted to Mag[r] Ap[l] 2[d] 1777
James Norris	2[d] Ditto	Ditto ———	
Frederick M Bell.	3[d] Ditto	Ditto ———	Died of His Wound Oct 9th [1777 —
Caleb Robinson	4 Ditto	Ditto ———	
James Carr	5[t] Ditto	Ditto ———	
John Drew	6[t] Ditto	Ditto ———	
Elijah Clayes.	7[t] Ditto	Ditto ———	
Samuel Blodget	8 Ditto	Ditto ———	Dischargd 22[d] Dec[r] 1777
	1st *Lieutenants*		
William Rowell	1 Lieu[t]	Ditto ———	Promoted to a Cap[t] 2[d] Ap[l] 1777.
Moses Dustin	2. Ditto	Ditto ———	
Jethro Herd	3 Ditto	Ditto ———	Discharged May 8[t] 1777.
Samuel Bradford	4th Ditto	Ditto ———	
Enoch Chase	5th Ditto	Ditto ———	
James Crombee	6[t] Ditto	Ditto ———	
William Wallis	7[t] Ditto.	Ditto ———	
Samuel Cherry	8. Ditto	Ditto ———	
Thomas Hardy.	Ditto	May 8[t] 1777	Dischargd Aug[t] 27[t] 1778

NAMES.	Rank.	Commissioned	Remarks —
	2. *Lieut.*		
Micah Hoit	1 Ditto	May 8t 1777	
John Colcord	2– Ditto.	Ditto ———	Dischargd May 6t 1777
Samuel Nute.	3 Ditto	Ditto ———	Resignd Septr 16, 1777.
Ebenezr Light	4 Ditto	Ditto ———	
Noah Robinson	5t Ditto	Ditto ———	
Joseph Potter	6 Ditto	Ditto	
David Gilman	7t Ditto	Ditto	
Pelatiah Whitemore	8 Ditto	Ditto	
James Nichols	Ditto	Apl 2d 1777 –	
William M Bell	1st Ensign.	Novr 8 1776–	
George P. Frost	2d Ditto	Ditto ———	
Josiah Meloon	3 Ditto	Ditto ———	
Samuel Adams	4th Ditto	Ditto ———	
William Taggart	5t Ditto	Ditto ———	
David Forsyth	6t Ditto	Ditto ———	Dischargd May 10, 1778 —
Luke Woodbury	7t Ditto	Ditto	
Joshua Merow	8 Ditto	Apl 2d 1777.	
	Staff		
Nathaniel McClintock	Adjut.	Novr 8t 1776	Promoted To B. Majr Apl 2d [1777
William Eliot	Adjut	Apl 2d 1777	Absent without Leave
Jeremiah Fogg	P. Mastr	Novr 8, 1776	
Richard Brown	Q Mastr	Ditto ———	Dischargd Augt 22d 1778
William Parker	Surgeon	Ditto ———	
Pelatiah Warren	Mate	Ditto ———	Dischargd Octr 10, 1777.

This May Certify that the foregoing is a true Return of the Officers in the 2 N: Hamp. Regt agreeable to the Design of Late General Order according to the best of my Knowledge

Benja Titcomb Major

Camp White Plains Augt 29 1778

A List of the Rank & Occurrences of the Field Staff and other Commissioned officers of the 3d New Hampre Regimt

[Original in Department of State, Washington, D. C.]

NAMES	Rank	Commiss'd	
Alexandr Scammell	Colonel	8th Novem :76	Appointed Adjut Genl Jany 15th '78
Andrew Colburn	Lt Colo	do ———	Killed Septemr 19th '77 —
Henry Dearborn	Major	do ———	Promoted to Lt Colo 19 Sept '77
Nick : Gilman	Adjutant	do ———	Appointed Assistant Adjt Genl
William Weeks	Pay Master	do ———	[15th Janr '78
James Blanchard	Qr Master	do ———	
Ivory Hovey	Surgeon	do ———	discharg'd 1st April '78
Edmund Chadwick	Mate	do ———	Promoted to Surgeon April
James Gray	1st Captain	do ———	[1st '77
Zacheriah Beal	2 Captain	do ———	Died of his wounds Novem
Michael McClary	3 Captain	do ———	[6th '77
Daniel Livermore	4 Captain	do ———	
Richard Weare	5 Captain	do ———	Died of his wounds August
Benjamin Stone	6 Captain	do ———	[14th 77
Isaac Frye	7 Captain	do ———	
William Ellis	8 Captain	4 May 1777	
David McGregor	first 1st Lieut	Novemr 8th 76	
Joseph Huntoon	2nd 1st Lieut	do	
Andrew McGaffee	3d 1st Lieut	do	
James Wedgwood	4th 1st Lieut	do	
William Hawkins	5th 1 Lieut	do	
Moses Belding	6th 1st Lieut	do	
Nath Gilman	7th 1st Lieut	do ———	discharg'd April 1st '78
Benja Hickox	8th 1st Lieut	do ———	Cashier'd June 20th 1777
Joseph Thomas	first 2nd Lieut	14th July '77	Kill'd Septem 19th '77
Amos Webster	2nd 2nd Lieut	8th Novr 76	Promoted to first Lieut June 20th 77 Killed October 7th following —
Thomas Simpson	3 2nd Lieut	do	
Ezekiel Goodale	4th 2nd Lieut	do ———	discharg'd April 1st 78
Joseph Hilton	5th 2 Lieut	do ———	
John Dennitt	6th 2 Lieut	do ———	
Benja Ellis	7th 2 Lieut	do	
Amos Colburn	8th 2 Lieut	do ———	Discharg'd August 18th 1778
Adna Penniman	9 2 Lieut	do ———	
Jonathan Cass	1st Ensign	Novem 8th 78	
Joseph Boynton	2nd Ensign	do	
Dudley L. Chase	3d Ensign	do	
Nathaniel Leavitt	4th Ensign	do	
Joseph Facy	5th Ensign	do ———	Kill'd Septem. 19th 1777
Nathan Hoit	6th Ensign	do ———	
Samuel Leeman	7th Ensign	do ———	Kill'd July 7th 1777
John Eaton	8th Ensign –	do ———	discharg'd August 10th 78

[August, 1778.] Alexdr Scammell Colo

[R. 5-156] [*Commissary Leigh to Board of War.*]

Camp at White Plains Augt 31st 1778 —

Sir — The Purport of the Present is only Just to Inclose you Cap Drews Rec^{t} for Cash: and Likewise Maj N. Gilmans Memo for a Suit Clothes & Capt B. Kimble paymaster to the First N. Hamps Batta: They both have the Characters of very Deserving Men in the Army: but as my Business naturally leads me to have large connections with Capt. Kimble I must beg leave to Represent to the Honble Board that on every occasion he appears Ready to Render me all the Services in his Power & if it should be Consistent Could wish them Both to be supply'd — as every Moment of my time at Present is taken up in Digest'y the acc^{t} for the Paymasters as well as to Remove the Stores in the Rear of our Army, hope it will Sufficiently acc^{t} for my Present Brevity

I am Sir your Most Obed^{t} Hbl Servt

Joseph Leigh

[Superscribed] On Public Service Hon^{l} John Penhallow Esq President of B. Warr at Portsmouth, forward ☞ Capt Drew

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[R. 5-156]

Camp at Rhode Island 26 Aug 1778

I hereby Certify that Co^{l} Stephen Evens Reg^{t} Drue No Rations of Sope Bear & Peas from Me

to whome it may Consern Charles Lippitt A C S

[R. 5-157] [*Petition of Ann Griffen.*]

Ports^{mth} Sep^{t} 1st 1778 —

Gentlemen — My unhappy Situation and by the advice of my friend Causes me at this time to trouble you with a few lines in hopes you will take my troubles into your Consideration and Do what in you lays to gett my Husband John Griffen who was Gunner of the McClary Released from his Unhappy Confinement at Road Island who has been a Prisoner Seven Months and not Doubting but that you will take into your Consideration and instead of sending those few Prisoners now in possession to Halifax youl Consider those In Road Island who have been much longer in Confinement and

much wors treated and in a very Bad State of health. If youl Gentlemen take those Unhappy Sufferers into your Consideration you will much Befriend there Suffering famalys and much oblige and befriend Your Most Humbl Sert

Ann Griffen —

To The Honble Committee of Safety now setting at Exeter

[R. 5–158] [*Commissary Leigh to Board of War.*]

Camp at White Plains Sept 5th 1778 —

Sir — My last was ꝑ Capt John Drew Inclosing you his Rect for three thousand one hundred & Sixty three Dollers — This will be delivered you by Doctor William Parker and youl find Inclosed that Gent Rect for one thousand two hundred & Sixty Four Dollers — at Capt Drews Departure was in hopes by this oppertunity to have made you a much larger Remittance but the absence of Mr Paymaster Weeks to the 3d Regiment prevents it — but as soon as I am in Cash and a safe oppertunity offers you may be assured it shall be sent forward as its not only my Desire but Determination to Expedite the Remitting of the Publick Money I may at any time have in my hands —

You'l observe a Paragraph in mine of the 24th July ꝑ Nichols wherein I made mention that Persevering in your Present Plan of Furnishing the troops with such necessarys as they may be in want of would Consequently ensure Government the Confidence of their troops — I was Induced to make this observation on no other Principle than at that time I really thought both officers & men were highly pleas'd when they could be furnished with necessarys with their Money at a Reasonable Rate — Indeed with respect to the officers I would suppose it still Continues the same — But with respect to the men it appears to be quite otherways for they in plain terms say, It is not only unjust but Cruell to have their wages from time to time stopt for Cloathing when the Publick Faith was pledg'd them at their Enlistment they should be annually Furnished with a suit of Cloths &c but on the Contrary they have bin under the necessity of purchasing it themselves or going without — This is the prevailing language now in Camp, and I thought it my duty to make the H. Board fully acquainted with the same — The Bearer Doctor Parker will be able to Inform you fully on this head and Doubtless will be able to inform Goverment the origin of the Cause of these

Complaints — In mine of the 18th Augt ℘ Piper I informed the board of my Intentions to lay the state of the Store before Genl Poor in order that I might be able to give the Board the necessary Information with respect to what would be necessary to procure and send — have done it and it seems to be the Clear Opinion of that Gent — unless that Goverment will undertake to Furnish them their Cloths agreeable to what the People were promised — that otherways it will be as heretofore they will in a great Degree be neglected — and I am informed in Consequence thereof a Regular application will be made by the Commanding Officers of Each Regiment for that purpose — No Doubt they will assign you their Reasons & their Oppinion of the Consequences — as for my Part all that its Possible for me to observe on this head is — that as long as I have the Honor to act as the Servant of Goverment in Camp — Their Pleasure on every occasion shall be mine — I am Sir Your most Obe't Hbl Servt

Joseph Leigh

N. B. While I was a writing — your esteemed favour of 20th Augt ℘ Taylor Came to hand — The only observation time will at Present permit me to make is with Respect to the Money sent ℘ Ayers in mine of 18th Augt Youl find I trust sufficient Reasons assigned for the Procrastination of payment for ten Days — and with Respect to the little error you note: when the Honbl Board are informed that for the safety of the Stores sometimes am doing of Business in a Cellar and now in an Old Barn lately Improved as a Slaughter house — and sometimes have to encounter with some Peoples Military Importance — youl Consequently therefore excuse any little error, on the whole you may be assured shall be as exact as the nature of things will possably admit.

[R. 5-159] [*Commissary Leigh to Board of War.*]

Camp at White Plains Sept 7th 1778

Sir — My last was ℘ Dr W. Parker — that Gent will be able to Inform the H. Board with Respect to the Complaint of the Soldiery on acct of their being under the necessity of Purchasing their own Cloathing when the Public faith was pledged them at their Enlistment to be furnished annually with a suit &c — As the Servant of Goverment I would wish to be understood (as long as I act) Their Pleasure on every occasion shall be mine — but then as a Member of the Body at Large — I Could wish the Cause of your troops not

being properly supply'd with Cloths &c. would be the subject of Publick Inquiry — For if there is any truth in Man the Clothier Generalls Conduct seems to be highly Culpable — You'l find a variation in the Prices of Flower as sent you ℔ Invoice — you will not attribute it to any Inattention of mine, but to the Common vices of the times: — for it is hear, as I am afraid it is with you, the *Patriot* is wholly swallowed up in self Interested views — Or else why do we hear it Commonly Reported in Camp — of *Hay* being *Fourty Dollers* ℔ Load & *Indian Corn* being From 5 to 7 Dollars ℔ bushel with you. I am not only surprised but astounded. You'l find Inclosed Mr Leavitts Rect for Cash & Flower — I wish it safe to hand & am

Sir Your Most Hbl Servt

Joseph Leigh

Honle John Penhallow Esq. President of B. War N. Hampshire

[R. 5-160] [*Ephraim Robinson to Board of War.*]

Exeter Sept 8th 1778

Dear Sr This is to Inform you that Piper returned with ye Waggons Saturday Night — I should have acquainted you thereof yesterday but was in hopes of an oppertunity without send'g on purpose — a very small repair of the Waggons will be sufficient for their Immediate return, for that purpose have sent to Mr Calley yesterday — a small Gundelo goes to-morrow to Portsmouth if you think best I will send the Flour — & by her you will have an oppertunity to send any article to Exeter for the waggons unless you should think adviseable to send what things you have sooner in which case I will not send the Flour by Gundelo — I think it will be best to send these waggons away directly now the weather & going is good as we must expect soon to have bad travelling but submit to your wisdom and am your

Humbl Servt

Ephm Robinson

To John Penhallow Esqr at Portsmo President of Board War

[R. 5-161] [*Captain Ebenezer Frye's Receipt.*]

I the Subscriber Captain in Col[l] Cilleys Regiment of New Hamp[r] acknowledge the Receipt of Eighteen pounds Lawful money to transport myself & Lieu[t] Asa Senter & Lieu[t] Bradford of the same State & Reg[t] to our homes being made prisoners at the Northward and released by General Carleton landed at Dobbs's Ferry State of New York, destitute of money by an order on John Lawrence Esq Treasurer of the State of Connecticut —

Hartford 29th December 1777 — Ebenezer Frye Capt[n]

This may certify that Captain Ebenezer Frye settled his Recruiting Account in my office and gave Credit among other things for Sixty Dollars received of the Treasury of Hartford

Auditors Office 11th Septem[r] 1778

(Sign'd) Jn[o] Clark Jun[r]
Aud[r] of Acc[ts] for the main Army —

Copy Ex[d] J Gilman $10\frac{57}{90}$ doll[s] allowed

[R. 5-162] [*Ephraim Robinson to Board of War.*]

Exeter Sep[t] 19th 1778

Gentlemen — this moment Rec[d] from the Committee a Letter & Return for Cloathing from the Commanding Officer of N. Hampshire Reg[t] which by their desire I forward you by Nicholls that you may in Consequence of the Order on M[r] Gardner secure what of the articles he has in store as well as know what will be lacking which they desire we will procure & send the whole forward as fast as possible as they are determined the Troops shall be supply'd with what is their due let the Cost be what it will — Should you not be able to procure the whole of the Clothing from M[r] Gardner should be glad of your advice or assistance in regard to any that may be want'g to be made out of Store at Exeter as they may be put out to make Immediately — I wait your order thereon and am with Respect —

Gent[n] Your Hum[l] Ser[t]

Eph[m] Robinson

To Hon[l] John Penhallow & Joshua Wentworth Esq[r] at Portsmouth

[*General Bayley to Colonel Bedel. Bedel Papers, p. 77.*]

S^{r} — as you have stoped a drove of cattle that were purposed for Private use and have offered the owner the market Price that is given by the Commissary of Purchases at Boston and as Mr Saml White the owner dos Indeavour to Inhance the Price of all Provitions wanted for the Continants use and dos threten to raise a force able from Canada to Inforce his villinus profession of taking away all Provitions from this River you are therefore Requested to keep said Cattle and said White and to secure any that attempts to assist him untill the Pleasure of his Excellency General Washington is known, of which the General shall immediately be Informed — I am S^{r} your Humble Servant — Jacob Bayley

Newbury 28th Sepr 1778 Brigade General

To Col^{o} Tim^{o} Bedle Commanding at Haverhill

[R. 5–163] [*Ephraim Robinson to Board of War.*]

Exeter Octr 10th 1778

S^{r} I Rec^{d} yours of 7th ult. & according to desire waited on the Committee yesterday afternoon (they not sett'g before) & acquainted them of the Contents of your Letter when they Concluded the Cloathing must be releas'd as by the Resolve of Congress they find it will not answer to take it — & so as you observe our Troops must go without Cloaths another Winter I doubt — I have sent by this oppertunity Three Letters, Rec^{d} by Dudley Nichols not having any [opportunity] before & supposing them to be of no great Consequence did not send on purpose — Rec^{d} 6 bbl^{s} Flour by Waggons which Mr Leigh makes no mention of (unless to yourself) & Nichols gives no proper acc^{t} of them therefore suppose they are private — as our hay grows short & money scant should be glad to know if you conclude to send any Waggons soon if not shall put the Horses all out to pasture next week as I suppose Piper will be in this Night being gone ab^{t} a month — the Waggons here are in Repair except a small matter on one which will be done —

I am S^{r} your Humb^{l} Servt

Eph^{m} Robinson

N. B. should be glad you will not forget to send some buttons

To Joshua Wentworth Esqr at Portsmouth

[*Gen. Bayley's Instructions to Col. Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 78.]

Newbury 13th Octr 1778

Sir — You will immediately proceed to the Upper Co'os with Joseph Lewis and provide a proper person to go with him among the Indians you will give the following Instructions Vizt — to Enquire

1st — What force is now in Canada —

2d — If any Reinforcement is arrived in Canada the Summer past, and if any are expected to arrive this Season? —

3d — In what State of Defence are their Garrisons, and how are the Troops Posted in that Country? —

4th Are any Canadians in Arms against us, if so, are they Compelled to it, or is it from their own Choice, & what number?

5th The General Sentiments of the People with respect to American Politics, and that of the Clergy in general

6th The Disposition of the Indians in the Neighborhood of Canada —

7th Who is the Governor and Principal Magestrate of that Country? —

8th If there is a Plentifull, or short Crop there, and what may be the Price of Grain —

9th If the Canadians have been disarmed by any Authority from Government or not? —

10th Whether the Canadians would Chuse to unite with the Independent States of America?

You will also Purchase Moose skins, Mogasoons, Snow Shoes as much you can collect, also the Forrage that may be Collected in those parts, All the Indians to come in when the fall Hunt is over and bring in all Skins and Mogasoons they may be possessed off at that time —

If Louis comes across any Indian he may depend upon he will send them to Enquire into Situation of affairs according to the within Directions — I am Sir wishing you success

Your Hble Servant

Colo Timo Bedel Jacob Bayley

[*Hibbard Coll., N. H. Historical Society. Vol. IV. p.* 144.]

Remarks on Mr Enoch Hall's Capt Traversie and other Frenchmen Journal to Canada —

October 16th 1778 We set out for Canada and on the 28th about 2 oClock arrived at Labbe, were we saw Three Men a Chopping within

about Forty Rods of the first House, they informed us there were about Five Hundred Hessians in Labbe and Forty of the Kings Troops at Saint Francois, and that there are but four Indians in that Place against us —

29th Built a Camp, and lay there all day, 700 Indians went from Machimacino to fight for the King the 3 Men informed us, they had been with a man, who had been with Canoes to carry their Baggage, they arrived at Montreal and Demanded their Pay for their Service, the General asked them what it was they told him 100 Dollars ℔ Man, a Suit of Cloaths, a good Blanket and five Gallons of Rum Each Man, the General told them it was too much, they answered they agreed for the same at the Treaty at Montreal, and that they were come for their Pay, and if not complied with they would lay Montreal in Ashes, upon which all Demands were answered and Canoes were provided to carry them Home — Capt Bovier was very helpfull to us in Providing Provisions &c — He also told us the Cannon was Carried from Saint Johns down to Quebec, that their Vessels lay at Sorrell not Loaded. The 30th day our Post returned from St Francois in the Morning, brought us not very good News, informs us · Capt Traversies wife was a Tory and wo^{d} be glad the Enemy wo^{d} take him (she suspecting the Post to be a Tory joined with him) Capt Traversie did not like it and asked me if I would go with him, I answered I would — We sat out about 11 °Clock in the Forenoon and Travelled Three Leagues, half Leg deep in Water, the Sun about two hours high we came to Capt Traversies House, were we discovered one of his Girls a Milking — He whistled and she came to us immediately. He asked her whether her mother was a Tory, or if she was glad the Enemy would take him, she answered, no, no, my Father. He told her to go and tell her Mother that he was there. His wife immediately came to him with Tears in her eyes, upon her approach, Capt Traversie asked her if she was a Tory, if she was he Protested he would Burn the House with all that was in it (upon which she answered) "You may come to the House undiscovered as no Tories were there. We ran immediately to the Barn, and then to the House, his wife with eight Children embraced him with kisses to see his Return, also crying for Joy, they also told us all the News in those parts, they Report 50 wounded Men of the British Passed Chambalee on their way to Montreal, some with arms, legs broke, some shot thro' their Shoulders all dangerous, 30 Battoes and 250 Waggons are gone to Saint John's (not loaded) 50 Hessians were sent to Saint Francois as a Guard, a Person informed us they heard the Hessians declare they wo^{d} not fire a Gun against the Americans but resign immediately, upon which they were immediately relieved by Forty British Regulars, about the N° of Twenty were sent

on a Scout to Masco under the Command of Bellisle with Four Indians — Three Hundred Dollars is offered for Capt Traversie and a Captains Commission to any one who takes him, a large Man of War is aground at Sorrell, they are Fortifying there with 20 Pieces of Cannon, 10 Mortars — A Gentleman at the Three Rivers said he saw the Cannon putting aboard the Vessels at Quebec, and said if the Bostonians sho^{d} come we can't help ourselves. Capt ——— a Frenchman who Commands at Three Rivers with several others &c — The Minister at Saint Francois is a good Liberty Man — The Minister at Sorrell against us

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[R. 5-164]

[Petition of "Mary Ann Byrn," wife of "Patrick Bourn," asking permission to go with her two children to join her husband in New York, by a flag of truce boat. Granted by the Committee of Safety October 23, 1778. — Ed.]

[R. 5-165] [*Commissary Leigh to Board of War.*]

Hartford Octr 25th 1778 —

Sir — have now before me the boards esteemed favour of ye 1st Instant Received at Danbury the Memorable 17th The Celebration of that auspicious event in camp made it Rather an Improper time to Communicate in form the Resolution of the Honourable Committee of Safety and the Determination of the Board in order not only to Furnish the troops in future with Cloaths as well as to supply all Deficiencys — I did it the next day notwithstanding I knew they were previously apprised of it by the board to Coll Cilley — This measure of Goverment I Concieve to be Built on the Broad Basis of Strict Justice and Sound Policy, and I flatter myself it will have the happy Tendency to eradicate from the minds of the Soldiery those unfavourable sentiments they seem to have entertained both of Men & Measures on acc^{t} of the Stopages made at times for their Cloathing — The troops left Danbury on Monday and arrived at this town the last evening and I suppose if they should Continue hear any time Commis. Officers of the Reg^{ts} will furnish me with the necessary Rolls of Deficiencys and as a pre requisite have nearly got Dissected the acc^{t} of supplys Furnished at Exeter the last Spring which shall be seasonably laid before them — I observe what the board says with Respect to payments for what has already bin Issued, the acc^{ts} are now before the Paymasters and Consequently a Regular Succession of payment

will take place — Public virtue seems to be totally Extinguish'd from amongst the Inhabitants of at least this part of the Continent the adjoining Farmers I hear from good authority have now got that necess'y of life wheat @ 48/ ℔ bushel — and deals it out but sparingly even at that exorbitant Price — in short have tried every possible method with Respect to purchasing some kind of loading for the last Returning Waggons and find can do nothing and am fearfull with [whether] Can do any thing in Futer than to furnish the Waggoners with Cash if it Can be Don it shall as it would afford me Solid Pleasure to Make Purchases of Something that the Profits accruing would in some Measure Defray the great expense of land Carriage — you'l find Inclosed Mr. Leavits Rec^t for 310 dollers supply'd him and am with esteem Sir

Your Most Obed. Hb^l Servt

Joseph Leigh

N. B. If you have any occasion of writing by the Returning Post please to Direct to the Care Moses Emerson Esq Commissioner of acc^ts

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[R. 5–166] [*Rev. Augustine Hibbard's Statement.*]

These may certify whom it doth concern that I have not been rewarded but in part for my Services as Chaplain in Genl Starks Brigade in the year 1777. For I have received only the wages of a Regi^l Chaplain, whereas I was according to the regulations of the Army intitled to the wages of a Brigade Chaplain, whose wages an rations (as well known) were equal to a Colonel — I am informed that the reason why I have been kept out of my money was because the Genl left it with the Col^o to make me up and it fell upon Col^o Hobart to put me in his pay Roll, as he was the oldest Col^o in the Brigade, and as he was not so well acquainted with the Rules and regulations of making out Chaplains pay Rolls, he made me up as his Chaplain — As to my rations I have received one only, and no Billeting money — I am desirous to have the matter considered by the authority of the State; and if in their Wisdom should judge that I ought in justice to be allowed the pay & Rations of a Brigade Chaplain; it will be greatfully received by the States sincere Friend & Hum Servant —

Claremont October 31st 1778 — Augustine Hibbard

Sworn to before Elihu Stevens.

[In the House of Representatives, November 20, 1778, it was voted to pay Mr. Hibbard the difference between the pay of a brigade chaplain and the pay of a regimental chaplain. — Ed.]

[R. 5-167] [*Doctor Hall Jackson's Petition.*]

To the Honorable Council and Representatives of the State of New Hampshire.

Hall Jackson of Portsmouth in said State Surgeon humbly sheweth; That in March 1776 he received a vote of the assembly, appointing him Surgeon of the Troops stationed at Piscatiqua and that his pay be seven pounds ten shillings ℔ Month, in consequence of which he has taken care of all the sick of the Troops belonging to the State according to said vote and allso of all Prisoners brought into the Port of Piscatiqua by sea or land, which would not be supposed to be included in the said vote of the assembly — That the Soldiers of the Forts were raised from the Towns of Rye, New Castle, Kittery, and Newington, and when sick could not at all times be provided with proper necessaries by the Commissary, and thefore returned to their respective homes, this has been a great saving to the State, as will appear by the smallness of the account for supplies — tho' of great trouble and expense of time to the Surgeon — That he has not received any allowance either in money or Rations, for Medicines or attendance since December 1776, tho' near half of his time in the year 1777 was expended on the Troops and prisoners as will appear by the annexed account.

That he has been always ready and willing at all times to do his full proportion toward the common weal, both as to his personal exertions as well as publick contributions — He therefore hopes & prays that the Court will take the matter into consideration, and make him such allowance for the *whole* of his Services as they shall judge adequate —

Portsmouth October 31st 1778 Hall Jackson

[R. 5-168] [*Paymaster Fogg to Thomas Odiorne.*]

Hartford Nov. 1, 1778 —

Sir — Agreeable to your Desire I undertook to collect the money for those Articles dld by Mr Jewett likewise those by the State according to the accts transmitted by Capt Kimball, but as Capt Kimball made stoppages agreeable to the price specified by Mr Jewett I was obliged, to preserve an Equality, to charge accordingly — and after all a task more unpleasant than that of a Collector of Taxes would be, laid on us by the British Parliament.

Amount of Sundries dld at Exeter			£51. 8.
D° by Mr Jewett (viz)			
6 Shirts	@ 18/ —		5. 8.
22 Pr Leather Breeches	@ 30/ —		33. 0.
80 Pr Stockings —	@ 7/ —		28. 0.
134 Pr Shoes —	@ 9/ —		60. 6.
Deduct 1 Pr Breeches 30/ dld R. Arnold at Exeter			£178. 2.
never joined and Lem : Durrell 1 Pr Shoes 8/ do do			1. 18.
Doll. 587. 30 ninetieths			£176. 4.

I have taken the Liberty to transfer the foregoing Arnold and Durrels acc^ts to the acc^t lately transmitted to Mr Leigh so that the State will be credited in ye Cont^l acc^t — Dr Parker will wait on you with forementioned sum of 176. 4.

I am Sir with Respect Your Friend and Humble Ser^t

Jeremiah Fogg Paym^r 2^d N. H. R^t

Mr Thomas Odiorne
Superintendent of State Acc^ts Exeter N. Hampshire

[*Colonel Bedel to General Washington. Bedel Papers, p.* 80.]

Haverhill 5th Novr 1778

Sir — The Bearer Capt Frye Bayley (with his two Lieuts) who were ordered by the Honble Major Genl Gates to go with a flagg to Saint John's with Lieu^t Singleton of the Eight Reg^t British, and was detained, are now returned. Capt Bayley will be able to inform your Excellency of every particular relative to their Confinement and the Enemies motions. A Copy of Genl Gates Orders to me you have inclosed — On the 16th of March last I received orders from the Honble the Marquiss delafayette to raise a Reg^t — (a Copy of said orders I transmitted to your Excellency by Genl Bayley — the Committees in this Quarter met and agreed that six hundred Men sho^d be raised, who have been constantly kept out as Scouts and part are now gone to Cut the Road, — they were raised until the first of April next, and have never rec^d any Money Clothing &c as yet shall be glad your Excellency will give further orders regarding the same — there is a number of Indians about here who have had some Trifling Presents from the Commissioners and as they hear of the Expedition to Canada are

desirous to go — we have here about 40 sometimes 50, and at their request I write to your Excellency — Joseph Louis the Cheif of St Francois Tribe is here and informs they are all willing to Join the United States I shall be glad your Excellency will give orders for Capt Bayley to receive his pay, (and the Two Lieuts) from the time of the Inclosed orders. We have constantly news from Canada, all favourable, a small reinforcement arrived, Provisions very Cheap and Plenty —

Genl Washington

[The original in Department of State, Washington, D. C., was directed as follows: "Public Service — His Excellency George Washington, Esq. General Commander in Chief of the Forces of the United States of America — at Fredericksburg." — Ed.]

[*Bedel to Hazen. Ibid.*]

Sir — This will be delivered you by Capt Frye Bayley who went with Lieut Singleton as a flagg to Saint Johns. The Two Lieuts are returned with him, shall be glad you wod assist him in getting their Pay. Part of my Regt are now out cutting the Road. Joseph Louis the Chief of St Francois is here and informs they are all willing to Join the United States to go on this Expedition, if things are agreeable I think we had best employ them — If any more men are to be raised here the sooner the orders come the better — Capt. Bayley will inform you of all particulars in Canada also Biloe who has returned from Canada —

Genl Hazen

[A letter of the same date and import was written to General Gates. — Ed.]

[*Bayley to Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 81.]

Sir — I think (Since Capt Thorrid has threatened the Destruction of this Magazion and nowe is the time that he may make a Tryal), that two Small Partys be sent on the Discovery, one to Onion River the other toward where Mr Metcalf lived at Messesque — I wish you to send them from your Regiment as soon as Possible —

I am yours

To Colo Timo Bedle

Jacob Bayley

P. S. I shall be glad that all the Mooss skins you have might be sent to the water Pits for graining

Novr 8th 1778 —

[*Instructions to Colonel Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 85.]

Agreeable to orders and Instructions from His Excellency General Washington, and from Mr Commissary Flint — I Do now Direct that the Issuing Commissary store all the Beef killed and to be killed in this Department in Newbury where he shall be shown by me except what Col^{o} Bedel has agreed to store in Haverhill which was three Hundred Barills — that all Hides are reserved for which I shall Receipt for the use of the Continental Army — that the Commissary of Purchases Immediately furnish the Magazene with one thousand barrils of Flower and every other article in his Department at the Store in Haverhill except what is for Present use in Newbury for guards and scouts which is to be stored at Thos Johnsons — that Col^{o} Bedle is desired to furnish Bakers immediately from his Reg^{t} who are immediately to be set to work — the Purchasing Commissary furnish Casks to repack all the beef in the store at Haverhill in order to make room for the Flower —

Col^{o} Bedle to furnish such guards as the Issuing Commissary Require — that the acting Quarter Master General furnish the Commissary of Issues with every help in his Power Relative to Storage &c — I desire the advise of Col^{o} Bedle and officers and the Commissary Present —

Jacob Bayley
by Direction from His Excellency
General Washington

Newbury 30th Novr 1778

To Col^{o} Bedle & the Commissary of Purchases and Issues —

P. S. I should be glad Col^{o} Bedle would act as Q^{r} Master General at Present if he does not I shall take it on my self —

[R. 5–169] [*Sundry Officers concerning Losses at Ticonderoga.*]

State of New Hampshire } To the Honble The Council and house of Representatives in General Assembly Convened Novr 12th 1778.

The Petition of the Subscribers Officers in Col^{o} Peirse Long's Regiment in the year 1777.

Humbly Sheweth — That on the retreat of the Army upon the Evacuation of Ticonderoga in July 1777, your Petitioners together

with many of the other officers and Soldiers of said Regiment Sustained Great Losses in Cloathing & other things for which they have received no allowance or compensation — Wherefore we Pray your honours in behalf of our Selves & others to make some order that whenever Well attested accounts of such Losses shall be Properly Laid before your honors they may be allowed & paid without Delay or that such method may be Proceeded upon Concerning the Premises as your honors in your Wisdom Shall Judge Best — and your Petitioners as in Duty bound will ever Pray &c —

Hercules Mooney Caleb Hodgdon Nathan Brown
Moses Barnard Matthew Bryant Timothy Tilton
Ebenezer Dearing for himself & Lt Thomas Bowler
John Calfe in behalf of his men he not suffering any loss

[R. 5-170] [*Commissary Leigh to Board of War.*]

Hartford Nov 17 1778

Sir — I wrote you from this place of the 25th ulto. pr Post. Since which I have to acknowledge the Boards esteemed favour of 22 ulto. Rec^{d} pr Dudley Nichols. It pains me when I observe to the Board that after trying every Possable method within my knowledge it did not lay in my power to procure any article for the Ret'g Waggons unless I would give 30 Dollers ℔ b^{l} for flower; this enormous price I could not think of giving as I would wish to hope it could be procured with you at least as cheap — and therefore it would answer no valuable purpose to weary the Publick horses when I could not think any profit would arise on the occasion — had I have bin furnished with a price Curr^{t} could then have bin a Better Judge — Youl find Inclosed Mr Nichols Rec^{t} for Cash supplyed him for Expences and likewise the Bearer M. Emerson Esq. for Cash which he will Deliver you — youl give me leave to observe am Collecting as fast as Possable the outstanding Debts and if in Case a safe Conveyance offers during the Course of the next week you may then expect a Further Remittance — I Particularly observe what the Board says with Respect to the late Resolution of Congress touching the article of Cloaths and agreeable to order have tendered the boards Compliments to the Commanding Officers of Regiments and on this occasion youl give me leave to observe that it appears to me the Officers in General are Perfectly satisfied with the good Intentions of Government & Likewise the Strenuous efforts of the Hon^{l} Board to carry it fully into Execution but at the same time I cannot but think it would at least give

them satisfaction that every thing might come through a Regular Channell agreeable to the Articles of Confederation —

In Conformity to what I wrote you in my last have laid before the Respective Regiments the supplys as delivered during the Course of the last Spring have likewise made Repeated application to the Commanding Officers of Regiments for a Role of Deficiencys there is many Difficultys arrises which will Consequently Protract its being given in soon however in order to obviate this Difficulty after a Previous Consultation with General Poor on the occasion I made a Regimental Division of what Cloathing suitable for the Season Remain'g on hand and served it out to an officer appointed for that Purpose — which is to be accounted for as Continental Cloathing — the N. Hampshire troops has obtained orders to receive from the Continental Store as ℔ underneath: there is not the least doubt in my mind for two Stores to serve out on the Same Principle will have a Tendency to make Confusion in the Publick acc^ts — I have Repeatedly advised with Genl Poor and it seems to be his oppinion that a supply of large Shoes Stockings & Shirts will be absolutely necessary to be procured for the troops as it does not appear that the Continental Stores will be able to Furnish a Sufficient quantity and supposing the troops should take Winter quarters from home no doubt Tea Coffee & some Rum would be necessary to send — and I am Requested by some of the Officers to Request their Cloth which they sent for Regimentals might be sent forward — youl likewise find Inclosed the Late Lieu^t David Gilmans acc^t he is Dismissed the Service Multc'd in his wages & has absconded am sorry to trouble the Board with acc^ts which according to Rule ought to have bin settled hear but as it is youl be pleased to take such measures as will secure the Publicks Property — I am Sir

Your most obed^t Servt

Joseph Leigh

Each Man Received 1 Coat 1 Jackett 1 p^r Breeches 1 p^r Stockings 1 Shirt — 1 Blanket to 6 —

1 p^r Shoes } None in Store
1 Hatt to 4 }

[R. 5-171]

[*Captain Salter to Speaker of House of Representatives.*]

Portsmouth Novr 18th 1778

Sir — Doubtless you have heard there is a small vessell that the People of this Town have stopt here for having Corn on Board —

More they say than should be allow'd to be Carried out of Place — I have to acquaint you that I have said vessell under Care, and would advise you that the Captain has Imposed upon Mr Russell By forging his Name from Roads to Vinsent, as you may see by his Papers, therefore in Duty to my Contry would give you account of it, and think it is full time those People ware Detected in Carying of the Necessitys of Life, to we have the greatest Reason to Believe our Cruel Enimies — you will hear more peticulars of the afare by the Barrer of this, so hope you will be Directed to Do Justice to a Purged Man, as also to have permission to inspect those vessells for the future as I am informed by Mr Russell and other Gentn that there is Sundry vessells up our River Loading with Provisions which they believe is bound to the Enimy — you know according to law that the vessell and Cargo is forfeited — Sir you in Course will give me Directions Concerning said vessell — I am with great Esteem Sir

your Most huml Sert

To Colo Langdon, Exeter Titus Salter

[R. 5–172]

[*The Anonymous Letter referred to on page* 807, *Vol. VIII., which the Editor of that Volume was unable to find.*]

This may Certify to all persons whom it may Concern, the way and manner by which Samuel Tarbell got out of Concord [Mass.] goal after Six months close Imprisonment a man by the name of Doct Silas Hedges told me the authority would let me out of prison if i would Comply with there terms. the terms was these for me to inform what I knew with regard to Counterfeit money and tory plans, after thinking of the matter some little time, i told him I would; and Parted at that time; About three weaks after, the sd Hedges Came To see me again, he then told me he had orders from the authority in this state, and the authority of New Hampshire to Examine Me concerning the affair. He first Declared to me that there should be no advantage taken of me. I then informed him what i knew Concerning the affair and that was but little, but i soon found there was something else he was aiming at, he saith to me you dont say half so much as i Expected you would, But however i will help you out; If you will do as you may, well says I Doct how is that, why says he I cant tell you, but i will show you, he takes a pen and writes you must Deliver me 2000 Dollars to Devide among the authority and i can get you out. I told him i thought his terms was very hard, well says he, if

you will Not do it, you shall ly in Jail. Finily I promised him the money. I then got some more Liberty; the matter was to be settled att Cambridge Court and was as i thought. I signed a bond of two thousand pounds to the states for my appearance att Court, and was to be Clear, but the authority told me, I must go back to Jones's and stay awhile, for the people will be mad Att us for letting you out, without a trial, you may live att Capt Jones's Just as you please under the pretence of a prisoner. About a fortnight after Doc^{t} Prescott came there and gave me the bond back, which i had signed, and told me I must remain a prisoner still; well then i Could Not understand what it ment, But soon after the s^{d} Hedges comes again. He then writes thus, you must let me have more money, for they say that you are richer than they are: now I told him I thought the matter was settled No it is not, says he, you must let me have three hundred pounds more in Paper money and thirty hard Dollars, and resign them Pistols, and you shall Be clear. I was very loth to do that, but finily Complied with it, Rather than to lay in Jail; all this money Hedges has had of me, Except one Hundred Dollars that i Delivered to Col. James Prescott att Cambridge. He afterwards came to Capt Jones's and gave the money back to me again and i Delivered it to hedges to give to the s^{d} Col. Prescott; the pistols went to Col. Peabody of New Hampshire by the hand of Hedges, and the money Divided amongst the whole —

The Case is bearly this, they have reduced me to such a Degree that i cannot live, and now Drive upon me to take men up, that ant in my power to do, and say that the people are uneasy, and if i dont do something, they will deliver me up to the people, and that i should be very willing for, but it ant in my power to prove all this, some part I can prove, Capt Jones knows something how i have been treated, this much i have to say when the head is sick the heart is faint, and your head is sick, and nigh unto Death, this i know for Certain and a great Deal more; one thing more I will Just mention to you, that is Doc^{t} Silas Hedges has been to the British troops twice and Returned here again and it can be proved, but he has proved unfaithful to them, and that is all that keeps him here; he is now exchanging his paper money for hard in order to send to get a pardon, and then Determines to push, it is Provible that many people will say that this is not worth notice, but be that as it will; It is the truth — This is from one who has been greatly Injured

[In the House of Representatives, November 23, 1778, a committee was appointed to consider the foregoing, who reported as follows.— Ed.]

State of New Hamp^r In the House of Representatives Novr 24th 1778.

The Committee on an Anonymous Letter brought into this House by Mr Ames having considered the same, conversed with Col. Peabody, examined Doctor Hedges on oath, agree to report that they think said paper to be a scandalous infamous performance of some inveterate enemy or enemies of the United States framed for the purpose of bringing into disgrace persons employed to bring them to Justice, & to set the good people of these States at variance with each other — Sign'd Nich^s Gilman for the committee — which report being read and considered — Voted, That the same be received and accepted — Sent up for Concurrence — John Dudley Speaker pro tem —

In Council same day read and concurred E. Thompson Sec'y

[R. 5-173] [*James Harvey's Petition.*]

State of New Hampshire } To the Honble Council & House of Representatives for the State aforesaid Conveaned at Exeter this 18th Day of November 1778 — the Petition of James Harvey a Soldier in Capt Parsonses Company & Col^o Nichols Regm^t of Vollintears to the State of Rhoad Island, Humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner was taken with the Desentary and Feavour on His Return Home that He lay very sick for sumtime at Woburn in the State of the Massachusetts at which place I was at great expence for Necessarys Doctering & Nursing and Like-Wise for a Man & Hors for to Fetch Him Home & Expence on the Road Home all which charge your Petitioner is unable to Bear wherefore He Humbly Prays your Honours to Take His Case into your wise Consideration and grant Him such Releaf as you shall think fit and your Petitioner as in Duty Bound shall ever Pray

James his × mark Harvey

[He was allowed £20. 5. 8. — Ed.]

[R. 5-174] [*Concerning William Gale, Soldier.*]

Portsmo. Decr 15th 1778 —

This may Certifie all Persons whom it may Concerne that William Gale a Matross in a Company of artilley Raised in s^d Portsmouth

Commanded by Ebenezer Dearing that he the said Gale Belong'd to said Comp'y untill the 5 Feb'y 1777 and was not made up in any Pay Role with s^d Comp'y after ye 7th Jan'y 1777 —

Samuel Hutchings Capt L^t

I have examined the Rolls and find Thirty seven Shillings & four pence due to the above named William Gale — J. Gilman

[A warrant was granted for £1. 17. 4 and paid to George Gains per order of said Gale. — Ed.]

[R. 5-175] [*Doctor Robert Taggart Recommended.*]

This may certify that the bearer Doct. Robert Taggart has faith fully and honestly done and performed the office and business of a Surgeons mate in the Newhampshire State Regiment lately commanded by Colo. Stephen Peabody in the Campaign and expedition against Rhodeisland which campaign commenced the first day of January A. D. 1778 and expires the first day of January A. D. 1779 and likewise the aforesaid Doct^r Taggart has faithfully with care and skill done the duty of a Surgeons mate in the Hospital of said Regiment all said service he the aforesaid Robert hath done and performed to the acceptation of said Regiment as to any thing or matter known to me and for all those services above mentioned and his assistance and kind offices I return him my unfeigned thanks and best wishes for his future prosperity — Given under my hand at Southkingston in State of Rhodeisland December ye 17th A. D. 1778 —

John Young
Surgeon to aforesaid Regiment

To Doct^r Robert Taggart Surgeons mate in said Regiment

[Bedel Papers, p. 86. This document is the resignation of Jonathan Child as quartermaster-general, and the appointment of Timothy Bedel to the position. Dated December 1, 1778. — Ed.]

[R. 5-176] [*Luther Lincoln's Enlistment.*]

Redding in Connecticut Decem^r 19th 1778

I do hereby Certify that the bearer hereof Luther Lincoln a Matross in my Company Inlisted at Peeks Kill in January 1777

and has not Received any Bounty other than the Continental Bounty of Twenty Dollars wich he Received at the time of his Inlistment —

Certified by Henry Burbeck Captn
In Col Crane Reg^{t} Artillery

To whom it may Concern

[Said Lincoln was of Hanover, and enlisted in above named service from Capt. John House's Company, Chase's Regiment. — Ed.]

[*General Gates to Colonel Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 87.]

Boston 22nd December 1778.

Dear Colonel — The faithful Traversie will deliver you this Letter, whom, with the chief of the St Francis Indians, I desire you will dispatch immediately into Canada, where they are to deliver the Letters that go by Captain Traversie, and Circulate Compte D'Staings Declarations: — This being wisely effected, they will procure all the intelligence possible of the Enemy's situation, numbers, & future Designs: and then return to Co'os, from whence you will directly send Captain Traversie, with the intelligence obtained — I have paid Traversie the full of the within amount, and advanced him —— dollars in Silver, to pay his and the Indian Chief's Expences in Canada. — I desire you will present my respectful Compliments to General Bailey, and acquaint Him, that the intelligence from Co'os, has been regularly transmitted to Congress, and General Washington

I am, Sir, your most obedient Hum^{l} Servt

Col^{o} Timothy Bedel — Horatio Gates

[R. 5–177] [*Petition of Downing Colbath, Sick Soldier.*]

State of New Hampshire — To the Hon^{bl} the Council & Assembly of s^{d} State — Humbly Sheweth Downing Colbath a soldier in the Continental service that he by reason of a fever which bro't him very low was unfit for duty & had a furlow to come home — was sick on the road & his friends were at a considerable expence to convey him to Durham from whence he enlisted — that his disorder settled in his leg which has quite disabled him from returning to the army or doing any work to subsist himself by — That he hath received no Cloathing or wages for a year past, and hath no friend to

help him, his father having died in the public service, & his mother hath since broke up house keeping being unable to subsist herself in a family way — Wherefore he prays your Honours to take his distressed case into consideration and do something to relieve him from distress, and he as in duty bound will ever pray —

Downing Colbath

[The committee on sick and wounded soldiers recommended that said Colbath be furnished with necessary clothing, and sent under the care of some proper person to a continental hospital at the expense of the State: and it was so voted December 25, 1778. — Ed.]

[R. 5-178]

Cash paid by Wm Weeks Paymaster to 3d N. H. Battallion.

Capt Wm Weeks pd Into the Treasury £8. 0. — for Cloathing Delivered to Danl Morse 38/ — Josiah George 68/ — & Josiah Moulton 2. 14. — which he stopt out of their wages —

Capt Weeks pd also £103. 2. for Cloathing deld by Jedediah Jewet vizt 5 Shirts @ 18/ — 12 pr. breeches @ 30/ — 58 pr. hose @ 7/ — 134 pr. Shoes @ 9/ — to Capt Isaac Frye —

Capt Weeks pd Genl Poor Decembr 21 1778 £78. 12. being for 131 pr. Shoes deld the 3d N. H. B. in Feb 17 1778 deld to the 3d Batallion pr. recd

Capt Weeks pd Genl Poor Decembr 21 1778 £202. 10. being for 59 pr. breeches 20 pr Shoes 6 pr hose 18 pr overalls 8 linen shirts 16 woolen do. 2 tow shirts which the 3d Batallion recd at Valey Forge March 3, 1778 — by Nichols

Capt Weeks pd Genl Poor for 136 pr. Shoes @ 10/ — 10 pr. Leather breeches @ 30/ — 7 pr. hose @ 9/ — amount £86. 3 0 Deld Octo 22 1777 at Albany

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[R. 5-178] [*Men Engaged during the War.*]

James Moor William Scott hired & Enlisted Duering the war by [Peterborough] Slip & Amos Spaffard by Peterborough Andw Law by Temple Wm Kenan by Jaffrey

Test James McNee
Jno Taggart

[COLONEL MOSES HAZEN'S REGIMENT, 1778.

This regiment cannot properly be claimed as a New Hampshire regiment. It was composed of men from this State, the New Hampshire Grants, Canadians, and Indians; but as it is impossible at this time to correctly designate which are the names of the New Hampshire men, it has been deemed best to print the rolls entire, as they are found in a volume of New Hampshire manuscript documents, in the Department of State, Washington, D. C.

Colonel Hazen was born in 1733, probably in Haverhill, Mass. He served as an officer in the expedition against Crown Point in 1756, and in the Canada expedition 1759–60, and, subsequent to the close of the French war, settled in the vicinity of St. John's, where he accumulated considerable property. In 1775 he furnished supplies to General Montgomery's army on its invasion of Canada, and his property was destroyed by the British army in consequence. He then offered his services to Congress, and was appointed in January, 1776, colonel of a regiment called "Congress's own regiment." In June, 1781, he was appointed brigadier-general and remained in the army until the close of the war. He died at Troy, N. Y., in 1802, or 1803.—*Documentary History of New York; American Archives; History of Haverhill, Mass.* — ED.]

A Roll of Capt. Richard Lloyds Company Col° Moses Hazens Regiment, Septr 8, 1778.—Engaged during War.

NAMES & RANK		Remarks.	NAMES & RANK	Remarks.
Richard Lloyd	Capt.		Henry Foxlesory	
Andrew Lee	Ensign	Prisoner of War Aug. 22, 1777	Joseph Hanagin	
Phillip Prosser	Serjeant		James Hale	
Abram Lutberry	do		John Linnin	
John Boardman	do		James O'Hara	On command with Genl St Clair
Thomas Donaldson	Corp^l		Tobias Powder	
John Parkis	do		John Pinson	
William Morgan	do	Prisoner of War Sept. 11, 1777	James Ryan	
John Kinelty	Drum^r		Thomas Scott	
Patrick Kinelty	Fifer		Isaiah Thomson	
Edward Boyles	Private		Robert Wilson	
James Blake	do		Isaac Chase	Sick Camp
Robert Barry	do		Francis Miller	
William Curtis		Sick Camp —	William Welch	
John Chambers			John Boone	Prisoner of War Aug. 22, 1777
Stephen Collins			James Collins	do do do
Andrew Doaney		Sick Camp	James McMullin	With the Provost Martial
Joseph Banks			John Rhoads	Prisoner of War Sept. 11, 1777
Richard Freeland			Anth'y Warjwhott	do do

Richard Lloyd Captain —

[Endorsed] Roll of Capt. Lloyd's Company — Col° Hazens Regiment — agreeable to Genl Orders of September 8th 1778.

A Roll of Capt. Matthew McConnell, Coll Hazens Reg^t agreeable to Genl orders, Sep^t 8th 1778 —

	NAMES & RANK	For what Term	Remarks
	Matthew McConnell C^t	———	On Parole
	John Hughes 1st Lieut	———	On five days furlough
1	Edmund Berry Serj^t		
2	Richard Edmundson do	3 years	
3	Wm Easton	3 years	
1	Joseph Furguson Corpl	dur^g War	
2	John Walder ditto	3 years	
	(*Privates*)		
1	Cornelius Boauloy	3 years	
2	Alexander White	D – War	
3	Thos Walsh	ditto	
4	William Sullivan	ditto	
5	Cornelius Woods	ditto	
6	John Crayton	ditto	
7	David Ewings	ditto	
8	James Hadon	ditto	
9	Owing McGlosphin	ditto	
10	James Gilbus	ditto	
11	Patrick McGraw	ditto	
12	Timothy Kelley	ditto	Hospital New haven
13	James Mayo Gooyo	3 years	Hospital White Plains

Jo Count Lewis L^t

[Endorsed] A Roll of Capt. Matthew McConnells Company Col^o Moses Hazens Reg^t Sep^t 8th – 78

Roll of Capt James Duncans Compy in Colo Moses Hazen's Regt Camp Sept 13, 1778

No	NAMES & RANK		Remarks	No	NAMES & RANK		Remarks
1	James Duncan	Capt	Sick near White plains	7	William Gladin	Private	
1	William Torrey	Ensn		8	Benjn Haindman	Do	
1	Saml Torrey	Serjt		9	Charles Heaton	Do	Sick at White plains
2	William Calder	Do		10	Willm Leacy	Do	On Command Genl Scott
3	Saml Johnston	Do	On Command Fishkills	11	Ezra Munson	Do	On Furlough
1	Barth Williams	Corpl		12	James McCoy	Do	On Command Genl Scott
2	Seth Smith	Do		13	John Crapp	Do	
1	Daniel Webster	Drum		14	Charles Galloway	Do	Hospital Yorktown
1	Isaac Allen	Private	On command with Capt.	15	Peter Lines	Do	do Morristown
2	Jonathan Allen	Do	[Duncan	16	Christian Swartzhousen	Do	Do Yorktown
3	Nathan Boughton	Do		17	Michael Cortling	Do	Prisoner War Sept 11, 1777
4	Nathan Burr	Do		18	Tall Dick	do	Do Do Do
5	John Combner	Do		19	Abraham Shelley	Do	Do Do Do
6	Ephraim Eaton	Do	On Command	20			

Willm Torrey Ens

[Endorsed] A Roll of Capt James Duncan's Comy Colo Moses Hazens Regt 1778

A Roll of Capt Thos Pry's Company of Light Infantry, In Colo Moses Hazen's Regt Agreeable to General Order Sept 13th 1778 — Engaged during the War —

		Remarks.
1	Capt Thos Pry	On Command
2	Lieut Montgomery	ditto
1	Robt Garnet	
2	Benj. Fairman Serjt	On Command with Light [Corps
3	W. Stuart	Ditto
4	Saml Martin	"
1	Jno Wright Drummr	
2	Wm Parr Fifer	
	Hugh Barnet	on Comd ditto
	Petr Reid	
1	George Clay	on Command ditto
2	Wm O'Conner	Ditto
3	Wm Scrivin	Ditto
4	Jos. Grant	Grant do
5	Jno Webster	Ditto
6	Frederick Albright	Do
7	Jams Edds	Do
8	Saml Heath	Do
9	Jas. Spence	Do
10	Francis Akerman	Ditto
11	Edward Downey	Do
12	Jas. Flood	do
13	Jno Brooks	do
14	William Perkins	
15	Jno Welch	
16	Davd White	
17	Robt Chesnut	
18	Jno Hope	
19	Jno Black	
20	Feller ——	
21	Thos Flahane	
22	Peter Quailman	
23	George Hartmann	On Command at Fort [Strange

Jo. Count Lewis Lt

[Endorsed] A Roll of Captain Thomas Prys Company Colo Hazens Regt Sept 8th 1778

A Roll of Capt Reuben Taylors Company, in Colo Moses Hazens Regiment — according to Genl Orders the 8th day of September 1778 — During War —

No	NAMES & RANK	Remarks	No	NAMES & RANK	Remarks.
1	Reuben Taylor. Capt.		3	Hugh Connelly	Sick in Flying Hospital [White Plains
1	William Stewart 1st Lieu- [tenant		4	Michael Carroll	
			5	William Fitzgibbons	
			6	Dennis Fraizer	Sick in Danbury Hospital
1	Francis Sellers Serjeant		7	Richard Garrelty	
2	John Bostick Do	Sick present	8	Peter Gordon	
			9	James Hays	
			10	Dennis Kellyhan	
1	William Goodman Corporal		11	Hugh McCleyland	
2	John Alford do		12	John Pearson	
3	John Collins do		13	Samuel Paulin	
			14	Samuel Richardson	
			15	Edward Thompson	
			16	Edward Rock	
1	Richard Brannon Private		17	Benjamin Wilson	
2	John Collins		18	Michael Anderson	

Reuben Taylor Capt

[Endorsed] No 4 A Roll of Captain Reuben Taylors Compny in Colo Hazens Regiment according to Genl Orders the 8th day of Sept. 1778

A Roll of Capt. James Herons Company, Col° Hazens Reg^t agreeable to Genl Orders Sept. 8th 1778
—During the War—

	NAMES & RANK	Remarks
	James Heron Capt	Prisoner of War
	Joseph Lewis 1st Lieut	
1	Benjamin King Sej^t	
2	Jonathan Chase ditto	On Command
1	John Gisgory Corporal	
1	Duncan Mead Fifer	
1	John Piercel (Privates)	On Command with Major [Taylor
2	Isaac White	On Command with ye Lt C. P^la
3	Hugh Sillery	
4	David Keneddy	
5	William Mays	
6	John Piercey	
7	William Leggins	
8	Patrick Moore	
9	Harry Burns	
10	Daniel McCoy	On Command with ye Lt C. P^la
11	John Lowney	
12	James Hughes	
13	John Morgan	
14	James Darrah	
15	Robert Beard	
16	Thomas McGod	
17	James Carroll	
18	Jonathan Thomas	
19	Thos Bowles	
20	Michael Mitchell	On Command with the [Artillery
21	William Mason	
22	Francis Stanley	
23	William Patterson	
24	Peter Byars	
25	Daniel Keffe	
26	Robert Gooden	
27	Samuel Appleton	
28	John Ryan	
29	Ralph Moore	
30	Alexander Grimes	
31	James Cox	
32	Jacob Haggs	Sick Hospital White Plains
33	James Summers	

Jos. Count Lewis L^t

[Endorsed] A Roll of Capt James Herons Company Col° Hazens Reg^t Sept. 8, '78—

A Roll of Capt M. Gilberts' Company of Colo Moses Hazens Regiment — (agreeable to Genl Orders of the 8th Sepr 1778) — During the War—

No.	NAMES & RANK		Remarks
	M. Gilbert	Captain	
1	Louis Lauson	Sergt	
2	Francois Laté	do–	
3	Jams McDonnold	do	
1	Michl Hailstock	Drum.	on Command with Major [Taylor
2	Jean Dufan	Fifer	
	Privates		
1	Jean Baptiste Apiere		
2	Charles Champagne		
3	Joseph Chartier		
4	Francis Chating		
5	Thomas Capon		sick in Hospital
6	Jean Carr		do — do —
7	Joseph Duca		
8	Jean Baptiste Dupire		sick in Hospital
9	Joseph Dancos		
10	Auris Duplains		sick in Hospital
11	Joseph Dufronce		
12	Francois Ducros		
13	Antoine Filbert		
14	Piere Lésage		sick in Hospital
15	Joseph Létruman		
16	Antoine Lésambert		
17	Girelaumd Lébil		
18	Louis Lisot		Sick in Hospital
19	Francois Martin		do — do —
20	Louis Mation		
21	Jean Baptiste Martin		
22	Francois Monreau		Sick in Hospital
23	Charles Racine		
24	Paul Recar		sick at Trenton Hospital
25	Price Sojir		
26	Ebimd St Laurens		
27	Joseph St Houge		sick in Hospital
28	Michael Valarant		
29	Joseph Voitrin		sick in Hospital

M. Gilbert Captain

[Endorsed] Roll of Captn M. Gilberts Cy Colo Hazens Regt Septr '78

Roll of Captain M. White's Company Col° Hazen's Regiment, September 13th 1778 — During the War —

	NAMES & RANK		Remarks		NAMES & RANK	Remarks
	Moses White	Capt	Present	8	James Britton	Present
				9	John Casey	Left sick at White Plains
				10	Alexr Dobbins	Present
	James Duffee	Serjt	D°	11	Jacob Dodridge	do
	John Hayman	D°	Taken prisoner at Brandywine Sept: 11 1777	12	Francis Lester	do
				13	Stephen Lyons	do
	Edward Bradley	do	left Sick Lancaster Hospital	14	John McClenlen	do
				15	James McMullin	do
				16	Fredk Miller	do
	John Burchill	Drummr	Present	17	Christopher Nash	do
				18	William Palmateer	do
				19	George Pile	do
1	John Hannah	Corpl	do	20	Jonathan Patterson	do
2	William Jones	do	do	21	Robert Reed	do
				22	Morris Roach	do
				23	John Snyder	do
3	William Black	Private	do	24	Henry Tibbins	do
4	Patrick Burns	do	do	25	Egbert Vanzile	do
5	John Brown	do	do	26	Michael Traynor	Leitch Hospital Sick
6	John Butcher	do	do	27	John Larey	Trenton D° — D° —
7	William Bowen		do	28	Jacob Horn	Present

M. White Captn

[Endorsed] Roll of Capt. Whites Cy Col° Hazens Regt

A Roll of Captn Robt Burns Company in Col^o Moses Hazens Reg^t in the Field on Command and in Hospital — Engaged during the War —

	NAMES AND RANK		Remarks		NAMES AND RANK		Remarks
1	Robert Burns	Capt		18	James Kearns	do	
1	James Dickson	Serj^t		19	James King	do	
2	Henry Doyle	Do		20	Doneal Keeff	do	
1	John Pearcival	Corp^l		21	David Linsey	Do	on Com^d with Genl Scott
2	Patrick M Laughlin	Do		22	Joseph Linton	Do	
1	John M'Colgen	Drum		23	Chavil March	do	
2	George Fulmer	Do		24	John McComel	do	on Com^d with Genl Scott
1	Joseph Aldridge	Private		25	Robert Mitchell	do	
2	William Brown	Do	on Com^d with Genl Scott	26	John McNeel	Do	
3	John Barr	Do		27	Moses McCann	Do	
4	Thomas Butts	do		28	Clement Merlo	do	
5	Morris Corey	do		29	Alexander Moore	Do	
6	John Croge	do		30	William Norton	Do	
7	Joseph Cloud	do		31	David Veely	Do	
8	Cornelius Duffy	Do		32	James Norton	Do	
9	James Duncan	Do		33	Robert Owens	do	on Com^d with Genl Scott
10	John Dugen	Do	on Command with Genl Scott	34	William Patterson	Priv^t	on Com^d with the artillery
11	Edward Dougherty	Do		35	Frederick Schrines	do	
12	Morey Flyard	Do		36	James Shaw	do	
13	Simon Flennon	Do		37	Francis Ward	do	
14	Michael Hilands	D^o		38	Edward White	Do	
15	Henry Hilger	do	on Com^d with Genl Scott	39	Henry Yong	Do	
16	William Haslet	Do		40	Arthor Marton	do	Sick in Hospital in Pennsylvania
17	John Kury	Do		41	Alexander Mattisson		Wounded & in Philadelphia

Robt Burns Capt

[Endorsed] Roll of Capt Burns C^y Col^o Hazens Reg^t

A Roll of Capt. John Carlils Company in Coll Hazens Reg^{t}

Nums	NAMES	Ranks	
1	Saml Sanford	Ensign	
1	John Ryan	Serjeant	
2	Collin M Lachlan	Do	
1	Thomas McClean	Fifer	
2	George McDonnold	Do	
1	Richard Osman	Drummer	
1	William Dully	Corporal	
2	Philip McDonnold	Do	
1	Johnes Hopkins	Privates	
2	Robert King	Sick	Regimental Hospital White Plains
3	Ja^{s} McEntire	Do	Do Do
4	Edward Conner		on Commd — in the artiliray
5	William Dealons		
6	Jacob Deek		
7	George Sumenvill		on do Light infantry
8	Thomas Deaner		
9	Griffeth Roberts		
10	Nehemiah Borno		
11	Thos Davis		
12	Ja^{s} Murry		
13	Francis Fycount		Invalid
14	Thos Larkins		
15	John Batten		
16	Johnes Wallace		
17	John Obryon		
18	Henry Wellen		on Comm^{d} Regem^{t} Hospital
19	Manly Turkentine		on do in Light Infantry
20	William Smith		on do Working for Genl Poors
21	Martain Mulloy		Sick in Genl Hospital [Brigade
22	Edward Wall		Do
23	Saml Frazer		Do
24	Ambroise Wilson		Do in New heaven
25	Robert Mitchel		Do in Reading
26	Charles Friend		D^{o}

Saml Sanford Ens

[Endorsed] A Roll of Capt J. Carliles Company — Col^{o} Hazens Reg^{t} —

A Roll of Capt. William Pophams Company of Col. Hazens Regt Sept 13, 1778 —

	NAMES & RANK	Remarks
	Wm Popham Capt.	Brigade Major G Clinton
	Palmer Cady 1st Lieut	
	Benjamin Moore En	
1	Thomas Sharp Sergt	Sick in Hospital at White [Plains
2	James Morgan Do	
1	William Sharp Corps	
2	John Gillaspy Do	
3	Laurence Dawling Do	

	NAMES & RANK	Remarks
1	Robert Arm Strong	
2	James Andrus	
3	John Blancy	on Command at White [Plains C P
4	John Biddle	
5	Hugh Doughty	
6	Robert Galloway	
7	Michel Loany	on Command with Infantry [at the Lines
8	Angus O New	
9	Edward Quigly	
10	Mathew Rogers	
11	William Yong	
12	Arther French	

Palmer Cady Lieut

[All during the war except the last, who was for three years.]

[Endorsed] Roll of Capt William Pophams Company Col Hazens Regt —

A Rolle of Captain Laurens Olivies Company In Colol. Moses Hazens Regiment — Engaged during the War —

No.	NAMES & RANK	Remarks	No.	NAMES & RANK	Remarks
1	Laurens Olivie Captain		8	John Delil	
1	Francis Gilmant Lieutenant		9	Peter Frison	
			10	Nicholas Fund	
			11	Nicholas La Framboise	on Command with Com-
1	Francis Ossy Sergeant		12	Aimable Gibor	[missary Wills
2	Samnel Siegert D°		13	Francis Gigo	
3	Joseph Laurent D°		14	John Goulay — Vol.	
			15	Paul Hubert	
			16	August Isakl	
1	Michel Moisan Corporal		17	Alexir Jenville	
2	Peter Isamen D°		18	Louis Lonchong	
3	Michel Verli D°		19	Francis Langde	
			20	Francis La Voise	
			21	Bernhard Marchand	
1	Alexir Ferid Fifre	Sick in Hospital Near	22	Glandy Monty	
2	John Nanearron Drumer	[White Plains	23	Bapt. Maliete — Vol.	
			24	Bap^t Morgan	on Furlou at Albany
			25	Antoine Menard	
	Privates		26	Francois Noel	
1	Bapt. Amlan		27	Basil Nado	
2	Peter Blanchar		28	Mannel Rodrue	
3	Noel Belanché		29	Georg Sinclair	
4	Juill Belanché		30	Charles Tessie	
5	Aimable Boilant — Vol.		31	Michel Tibe	
6	Peter Caycee — Vol.	on Furlow at Albany	32	Aré Vinclair	
7	Peter Chartie		33	John Clop	Sick in Hospital at Reading
			34	John Licot	

[Endorsed] Roll of Capt Laurens Olivie's Com^y Coll Hazens Reg^t Olivie Cap

A Role of Captain Liebert Company in Col^c Hazens Regiment.—Engaged during the War.—

No.	NAMES AND RANK		Remarks
1	Louis Marnay	Sert	
2	Piere Cammare	Sert	
3	Fredk Du Manlin	Sert	
4	Louis Bourette	Sert	
1	Alexandre Picard	Corpl	
2	Joseph Tessier	Corpl	
3	Joseph Dublise	Corpl	
1	Joseph Lesperance	fifre	
2	Joseph Gantier	Tambour	
	Rank & File		
1	Prette Aboire		
2	Jaque Brmziere		
3	Joseph Brissille		On Command with Coll Hay
4	Augustin Charbona		On Command Present
5	Alleais Duclan		Sick in Albany or Discharged
6	Théodore Ducale		Sick in Fish Kills
7	Martin Fossé		On Command Present
8	Augustin Grenier		Sick Near White Plains
9	Gabriel Gandra		Sick in Albany
10	Baptiste Gievaire		
11	Louis Gandra		On Command with Coll Hay
12	Louis Jaques		
13	Jaque Lavigne		
14	Robert Paule		On Command with Major [Taylor
15	Jaque Robbinette		On Command Present
16	Jaen Vinnette		
17	Charle Tettier		
18	Philip Smith		
19	Baptiste Zucharré		
20	Jaque Vallett		
21	Jaque Buttin		
22	Francois Malvan		
23	Michel Lacroix		

Ph. Liebert Capt

[Endorsed] Roll of Philip Lieberts Company

Roll of Captain Robert Campbells Company in Col° Moses Hazens Regiment — Engaged during the War —

NAMES & RANK		Remarks —	NAMES & RANK	Remarks —
Robert Campbell	Capt	on Furlough by his Excellency	Jacob Parrish	
Noah Lee	1st Lieu^{t}		Adam Terhiger	
David Fellows	Ensign	Forage Master to Genl Poors [Brigade	Francis Mulit	
William Baker	Serjeant		Rona Shepell	
Saml Cochran	do —	on Furlough by his Excellency	Peter Jelet	
Frederick Trief	do.		John Roberts	deserted Sep^{t} 4th
Patrick McGee	Corporal		Israel Stockings	
Wm Kearns	do —		Barnabas Potter	
Isaac Wright	Fifer.	deserted September 5th	Cato Mumford.	
John Barlow			Abraham Sprague	
Wm Beder			Richard Nichols.	
Ephraim Bennit			John Railing	
Ebenezer Bracket		on Command at Fish Kill	Francis Hagerman	deserted Sept. 9 —
Reuben Clemments		Sick at Danbury	James Pecher	
Isaac Deming		deserted Sep^{t} 5th	Mich^{l} Whatkins	Sick Peeks Kill
Francis Dapuh			Mich^{l} Welch	Sick Danbury
Edward Davis		Sick Flying Hospital	George Petiher	
Benjamin Davison		on Com^{d} with Major Hughes [A D C to Genl Gates	Saml Ranson	on Furlough by his Excellency
Eben Griswold			William Woodward	
Henry Pervu			John Saratoga	on Command with PayMaster Chinn
Francis Cseaina				

Noah Lee Lieu^{t}

[Endorsed] Roll of Captain Robert Campbells Company Col° Hazens Regiment Agreeable to Genl Orders of Sep^{t} 8, 1772

A Roll of Captain William Satterlees Company in Regiment of Forces in the Service of the United States of America, Commanded by Col. Hazen, Esqr Col. Commandant —

No	NAMES—	RANK	Remarks.
1	William Satterlee	Capt	
1	Thomas Bell	1st Lieu^t	
1	Alex^r Funde	Ens^n	On Command at Coos
1	John H. Hawkins	Serj^t Maj^r	
1	John Jones – Q^tM &	Serj^t	
1	William Blandon	Drum Maj^r	Sick at White Plains
1	Abijah Stow	Fife Maj^r	Sick in Camp
1	James Wand	Serj^r	
2	Mich^l Quinn	Serj^r	D^o
3	Timothy Dady	Serj^r	
1	Amos Ames	Corp^l	
2	Deliverance Martling	Corp^l	
3	Ebenezer Averill	Corp^l	
1	Ebenezer Leech	Drum^r	
1	John Burk	(Privates)	
2	Samuel Brown		Sick in Camp
3	George Clapham		
4	Enoch Coger		
5	Silas Cowle		
6	Peleg Elisworth		
7	Josiah Freeman		
8	Henry Gilner		Sick in Camp. —
9	Edward Gilbertson		
10	Willm Hartley		
11	Benjn Heath		
12	Joseph Jones		
13	Thomas James		
14	Winthrop Finniston		
15	Henry Lock		
16	Patrick Maddin		
17	Israel Olmstead		with Col. Hazen on Command
18	Abner Rae		
19	Timothy Reynolds		
20	Peter Stringham		
21	Zachr^r Sherwood		
22	Landon St. Luke		
23	Eliphalet Tisdal		
24	Ebenezer Trusdal		
25	David Thayer		
26	Edward Winslow		
27	Willm Willis		
28	James Wakeland		
29	James Young		
30	John Anthony		Sick in Wallingford Con- [necticut
31	Abr^m Storms		Do Near White Plains
32	Christ^r Prady		Do at White Plains
33	David Murray		Prisoner Statten Island 22d Augt 1777

Wm Satterlee Capt

[The men were all engaged during the war, except the drum major, who was for three years.]

[Endorsed] Roll of Capt. Satterlees Company Col. Hazens Regiment — Camp Near Bedford Septr 13th 1778

A Roull of Capt Wm Munson Company in Co^{l} Moses Hazens Reg^{t} in the Service of the United States Sepr 13th 1778

	NAMES AND RANK		how long inlisted for	on Command absent and Sick Absent where
	Willm Munson	Capt		on Command White plains
	Alexander Wilson	Lieu^{t}	———	on Furlow —
	Anabel Bollay	Lieu^{t}	———	on Com^{d} at Co Horse
1	John McNamara	Serjent	Three years	
2	Bartho^{w} Shridon	D^{o}	During the war	Sick White plains
1	Samuel Acley	Corp^{l}	3 years	
1	James Kindel	Drummer	During the War	
2	Willi^{m} Roberts	Fifart	Do	do Sick at White Plains
1	Jas Berkley	Private	D^{o}	do Joined the Light infantry
2	Dinnis Bohon		do	Do
3	Joseph Barkner		do	Do
4	Andrew Campble		do	Do
5	Thos Camoron		do	Do
6	Joseph Dyer		do	Do
7	Daniel Duffy		do	Do
8	Richard Enis		do	Do
9	Daniel Huniston		do	do on Com^{d} Peeks Kills
10	David Killey		3 years	
11	Henry Lapool		During the War	
12	Jas Lloyd		do	do
13	John Milling		do	do
14	W^{m} O'Nail		do	do Sick at Yorktown
15	Jas Parker		do	
16	Henry Pool		do	
17	Terrence Robinson		do 3 years	On Com^{d} White plains
18	Thomas Robinson		During the War	Sick Yorktown
19	Jas Shilds		do	do
20	Lapool Shutir		do	do
21	Deadloff Slaughter		do	do
22	Edward Brooks		do	do Sick Yorktown
23	Wm Weest		do	do
24	Aaron Huttele		do —	do

[Endorsed] Roll of Capt Munsons C^{y} Co^{lo} Hazens Reg^{t}

A Roll of Captn Antoine Paulint Independent Company in the Service of the United States of America and annexed to Col° Moses Hazens Regiment. Septr 13th 1778 — Engaged until the Conquest of Canada —

	NAMES & RANK		Remarks		NAMES & RANK	Remarks
1	Antoine Paulint	Captn			*Inlisted Privates*	
1	Felix Victor	Ensign				
1	Joseph Sheuit	Serjeant		1	Pierre Hubert	
				2	Charles Raté	
				3	Pierre Johannes	on Comm^d in Flying Hosp^l
				4	John Marie Chartie	
1	Jean Aymond	Corporal		5	Michel Harbour	
				6	Pierre Sabe	on Furlow by Col°
1	Francis Martin	Drum				
1	Antoine Chartie	Fife				

A. Paulint Capt

[Endorsed] A Roll of Capt. Paulint Company in Col° Hazens Regiment.

1779

[*Copies of Letters. Bedel to General Clinton. Bedel Papers, p.* 93.]

6th Jan'y 1779

Sir — You will see by the Inclosed Copies of Instructions from Genl Bayley by Directions from Genl Washington what I have been ordered to do. I have Compleated a Store forty foot long and 35 wide with five smokes Two large Bake Ovens all Compleated Boarded Shingled and Glazed, also a Guard House 30 and 18 with Two Smokes well boarded & shingled a Barrack for soldiers 50 by 20 well Boarded and Battened and am now ordered to Build another to Contain 1000 Barrels which I am now at work upon. I am obliged to keep constantly in Service as much as Six Teams for all which Service have never recd any money to Carry on the Business and have been obliged to run into Debt I can't send an Exact Account at present being not able to settle my accounts but send an Account of the heaviest Articles I have been obliged to Purchase —

31875 feet of Boards at 6£ ℔ 1000	£191. 5. 0
12000 of 10d Nails at 6/ 15 ℔ 1000	81. 0. 0
16000 of Shingle Nails at 3/ 6	52. 16. 0
¼ of a Tun of Iron at 25/ ℔ Ct	125. 0. 0
1 Box of Glass 7 by 9	86. —
	£536. 1. 0

I refer you to Mr Lyne about the Store and other buildings as he lives in the Store & can inform you of every particular —

6th Jan'y 1779 —

Sir — Being informed by Letters from Albany that your Honor has the Command of the Northern Department and the former acquaintence we have had makes me take the Liberty to write to inform you of our Situation in these parts — we have a store erected here with upwards of 1000 Barrels of Beef, about 600 Hides, about 30 Barrels of Tallow, about 30'000 dollars worth of Forrage belonging to the States which lies very much exposed, my men neither having

rec^{d} Blankets or Cloathing of any sort and we are also destitute of Ammunition and unless some step is taken the stores must of Course fall a Sacrifice

I have sent to Boston for Blankets but there is none in Store — Genl Washington wrote to me 7th Decr that he had sent me all his Dispatches with the Resolves of Congress relating [to] the Cloathing &c of my Reg^{t} by Lt Colo. Wheelock who has not since been heard off so that I am afraid he is fell into the Enemies Hands — I rec^{d} a letter from Genl Gates yesterday who refers me to you if you have any Blankets sho^{d} be glad you wo^{d} send some — The Bearer Mr Lyne I refer your Honour to him for every particular

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[*Letter. Col. Bedel, probably to Gen. Schuyler. Hibbard Coll., N. H. Historical Society, Vol. IV. p.* 144.]

Haverhill 11th Jany 1779

Dear Sir — I rec^{d} your favour by Colo. Louis am greatly obliged to your Honour for the same. I send you as follows the particulars of what has come to Hand — We have upwards of 30 Families of Indians here, almost naked, am obliged to furnish them with Provisions, they are ready for any service when called upon co^{d} they be furnished with Blankets &c — Col^{o} Louis has seen them who I refer your Honours to, who will inform you of their Situation — The Intelligence brou^{t} by a Deserter who came from Point Levi the last of Novr informs the Destination of the Troops are as follows at Quebec 400, Sorrell 2000 — Chambalee 12 — St Johns 300, Isle aux Noix 240 — Part of which are sick at Montreal, at Shatagee 50 — Oswagoohe * 100 — Buck Island 150 — Niagara 340 — River Rooms 200 — at Trois Rivere 120 — The Tories chiefly at Sorrell no fortification, but Building large Barracks Storehouses &c They are in great Expectation of seeing us in that Country this Season — The Canadians are very desirous to see us come in Earnest, and have kept their Horses fat so as to be ready to help us and Arms Secreted to proceed along with us — The above Intelligence is Confirmed by our Scouts as also by Letters from different C^{l} Priests from those parts —

* [Now Ogdensburg, N. Y. — Ed.]

[*Colonel Bedel to General Gates. Bedel Papers, p.* 94.]

Haverhill 13th Jany 1779

Sir — Yours by Capt Ladd I recd am very much obliged to your Honour for the favour, and where as your Honour said you had forwarded my Letters to Genl Washington and that I shod hear from your Honour in 20 days from that Time, and our situation being such I look upon it as my Duty to put your Honour in mind that we are destitute of Blankets Ammunition &c. to defend ourselves or the Stores in Case any attack shod be made by the Enemy — Genl Washington in his Letter the middle of Decr informs me that he had sent the Resolves of Congress with his own Dispatches to me relating the Cloathing &c of my Regt by Lt Colo Wheelock, I have never heard from him nor yet seen the Resolves — In your Honrs Directions to me you desire I wod furnish Capt Traversie and some Indian Chiefs with Cloathing which I wod do with the greatest Chearfullness was it in my power, but no such articles at present are to be had here Lieut Fisk a Gentleman of undoubted veracity waits upon your Honour with this, who supplies the Inhabitants in this Place with foreign Goods will take in his charge any thing your Honour may please to send, and see the same faithfully delivered — I hope by this Time your Honour has recd orders from his Excellencies relating this Quarter which I hope your Honour will please to Communicate to me by the Bearer that I may be able to Govern myself accordingly and know what is to be done — We have Constantly the most favourable Intelligence we can expect from Canada by Indians who are daily coming in here from that Quarter — and that the Inhabitants wait for us with the greatest Impatience — I have upwards of 200 Men constantly on Duty here and not more than 50 Blankets and the Barracks not made comfortable as yet

I am your Honours most Obt Hble Servt

Horatio Gates M. Genl — Timo Bedel

[R. 5–181] [*Soldier's Receipt.*]

Jany 11th 1779 Received of the Board of War one pair overalls — I being a Soldier in Capt Beals Compy 3d Battalion of New Hampshire Troops

Thomas his × mark Shaw

Test Matw Thornton Junr

[R. 5-182] *Copy of Instructions to Mr Leigh Jan'y 1779* —

State of New Hamp: Board of War Portsmo Jany 15th 1779. Joseph Leigh Esq — Commissary of Issues for sd State —

Sir — In Consequence of an order from the Honorable Committee of Safety of said State Bearing date the 9th inst

You are hereby directed to Issue on Credt to each Commissioned officer of the Troops of this State — necessaries to the value of three months pay — provided they are unable to advance the money — also to continue the Credit you have already given a number of those Gentlemen to amount of £823. — till you receive furthr directions from the Board — The Board desires your particular attention to the Cloathing Issued by them to the different Non Commissioned Officers & privates — as pr Rolls Transmitted you from time to time & will be sent you at any future Issues that may take place till the deficiencies are made good agreeable to our former directions — And the Board enjoyn you to apply & procure Rolls from the proper Officers of each Battallion as soon as may be to ascertain the same — thereby you will be enabled to discharge the dues to each man, if there is a supply sent forward sufficient for that purpose — and should there be a deficiency in Store, you will inform the Board, & they will exert themselves to forward what may be wanting —

We are with Respect &c

[*General Bayley to Colonel Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 95.]

Newbury January 18th 1779 —

Sir — As it is his Excellency General Washingtons Express Orders that a Magazine is Established in this place, in order for the safety of this Frontier or an Expedition against our common Enemy, and tho' it is of the utmost Importance to the Inhabitants of this Quarter, yet many of them are using every means in their Power to Export all Flour in their Power to a distant Part, this is therefore to desire you immediately to set such Guards as to prevent the Exporting Flour from this River, from Charlestown and upward — The Commissary of Purchases is desired to attend and Purchase all Flour thus attempted to be Exported as well as all others to be spared in Gloucester, Cumberland, Chester and Grafton — By the Generals Directions

Jacob Bayley B. Genl —

Colo Bedel at Haverhill and all Concerned —

[*Bayley to Bedel. Hibbard Collection, Vol. IV. p.* 94.]

Newbury 21st Jany 1779

Sr I wish you to send to Capt Taylor to set a guard of his Company if needed so as to prevent any Grain or Flower being carried from Lebanon and Claremont and the Towns adjacent

I am yours Jacob Bayley

To Colo Bedle Commanding at Haverhill

[*Bayley to Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 96.]

22nd Jany 1779

Sr I wish you to send stringing for twenty two pr Snow Shoes by Ephm or let the men fill them with the rest

To Colo Bedle Jacob Bayley

I wish the Teams to be ready to hall the Beef a monday and a Scout be sent out monday or sooner —

[*Ibid.*]

Newbury 6th Feby 1779 —

Sr— Mr Robert Peaslee has a number of Mogasons to Turn into the Stores for Continental use as you act as Quartermastr and are a Judge of the goodness of Mogasons what you think will answer and you receive I will account with him for —

I am yours Jacob Bayley

To Colo Timo Bedle acting Q. M. G. at Haverhill

[R. 5–183] [*Joshua Wentworth to Joseph Gilman.*]

Portsmo Jany 22d 1779

Sir. Your favr of this date pr Taylor recd & observe the order of the Committee respect'g Barrack'g soldiers — I hope you were able to procure a place for those now at Exeter — I will be up next week & assist in what may be further necessary — I send by Taylor 20 pr L. Breaches suppos'd you might have occation for them — we have no Blankets here — we have purchas'd few p's Checks &c. & shall

procure all in our power, & have made up into shirts without loss of time, to cloath those soldiers that are here —

I am with much regard Sir, Y^{r} very h^{l} Servt

Josh^{a} Wentworth

[R. 5–183] [*Edward Burnham.*]

The Board of War have charg'd to Edward Burnham £5. 16. 0 in 1779 Jan'y & Feb'y as appears by the Board of War's accounts.

Ex^{d} by Josiah Gilman Junr

[R. 5–184] [*Concerning Provisions for Falmouth, Me.*]

This may Certifie all Home it doth or may Concern that John Waite master of the Sloop Riseing States now Bound to Portsmouth in the State of New Hampshire, after provisions for this Town, we Think him to be a sutable Person to be Intrusted wth the same therefore beg the assistance of our Friends in assisting the said Waite — Given under our Hands at Falmouth this 5th day Feb'y 1779 —

Nathl Carll } Selectmen
Step^{n} Waite } of
Pearson Jones } Falmouth

[Captain John Waite was allowed by the Committee of Safety to export 100 bushels of corn to Falmouth. — Ed.]

[R. 5–185] [*Joshua Wentworth to Joseph Gilman.*]

Portsm^{o} Feb'y 15, 1779 —

Sir. Inclosed is a letter came by Capt Martin from Boston — We have a number of Shirts ready, with some Cloath'g for G^{l} Stark, & Capt Stones p^{s} Linnen & Cambrick — therefore desire a Waggon & two horses, (the small Waggon will be sufficient) sent down tomorrow morn'g early — so that they may return same day —

I am Sir yr friend & Ser^{t}

To Joseph Gilman Esq Exeter

Josh. Wentworth

[*Colonel Bedel to Colonel Hazen. Bedel Papers, p.* 97.]

Haverhill 8th Feby 1779.

Sir — This you receive by Mr Robert Peaslee. I wod had wrote to you before this but no opportunity serving for that purpose and the Campaign this Winter being likely to fall thro,' and I having engaged with my Men in Two, all things of course must fail, and I shall be obliged to quit all Public Business. Nevertheless I am and shall stand ready to assist you or any of my worthy Friends in everything that my Abilities will admit of. We shall I am afraid be put in a Poor Situation in this Place in Case we should be surprized by the Enemy as the Regt will be disbanded. We have here above 1000 Barrels of Beef and other Stores in Proportion. I have built and Compleated a large Store since you were here to Contain the whole and have never recd anything towards the same it is allowed by the Commissaries to be as Convenient a one as they ever saw for the size — We have here also a large number of Indians who have acted with the utmost Impatience and are now going off a Hunting, being disappointed. I have been obliged to furnish them with Ammunition Indian Stockings &c at my own expense not one single farthings worth being procured by the Public tho' repeatedly wrote for (now for private business)

as you mentioned to me in Person also by Sundry Letters to desire I wod purchase up some Lands for you I have ever been looking about but as yet Purchased none, by my Discourse with Mr Saml White I was convinced in my mind he never meant to live upon his farm at the Upper Co'os and since I have discoursed with Mr Peasle I am fully Convinced — I must recommend it to you as one of the best Farms you can purchase in these parts Mr Peasle will call upon him to know the Terms (Nature I am certain has done its Part to make the same Compleat for the best Farm on this River if I am a Judge) I find there is now at this time by Purchasing of Land a wide opening for Trade and as Mr Peasle lives near the Seaport and I imagine it is in your Power and you please to undertake the same I am ready to Enter into Partnership, or Assist Mr Peaslee in whatever you may judge most prudent — If any Troops shod march into Canada I am & shall be ready with a Number of Men & Indians to assist on any sudden Emergency at the shortest notice — I have had Intelligence by severall Parties who I have sent out to St Francois and to the River Masco to view the Lands in those parts who Report it is the most excellent Land they ever went over, upon their Return from St Johns I orderd them to Travel thro' your Patent Easterly to Lake Suape [?] which is the East Side of Lake Amphrobagog as

you will see by the Plan which they say is the best Land they ever Travelled upon and upon Lake Suape large Meadow superior to the Oxbow and from the Lake down to St Francois River which is short Two Days Travell down to Mr Whites Farm — from s^d^ Lake to Connecticut River is a short days Travel and also fine Land

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[*Gen. James Clinton to Colonel Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 95.]

Albany Feb'y 16th 1779 —

Sir — Yours of the 3^d^ Ins^t^ is come to hand. I am very sorry to find the Stores at Haverhill which are of such infinite importance are in so precarious a situation — I have sent Major Cochran with an order on the Commissary of Military Stores at Springfield for such a quantity of Ammunition as you may want who is to forward it to you as quick as possible — I have also wrote to Major Whitcomb ordering him to take Post at Haverhill for the defence of the Stores when he shall have collected his scattered Corps — I cannot Conclude without requesting you to pay the strictest attention to the safety of those Stores and use every Exertion in your power for their protection by putting yourself in the best Posture of Defence to repel an attack or prevent a surprize. — I have wrote to his Excellency on the subject and expect an answer speedily which I shall communicate to you — you are to call on the Militia for their assistance if necessary — The Commissaries of Purchase and Issues in this Department by Instructions which they have rec^d^ from Genl Washington, are determined to have the Stores moved from Haverhill to N° 4 in which you will assist all that lies in your power; as soon as part of the Stores is moved to N° 4 you will desire Major Whitcomb to go with his Party to Guard them, while you Guard the upper Stores Forrage &c — Major Cochran is to leave part of the ammunition at N° 4 — and the rest to be forwarded to you, send me a Return by the Major of your Regiment —

Colo : Bedel (Copy) James Clinton B. Genl —

[*Colonel Bedel to General Bayley. Bedel Papers, p.* 98.]

Haverhill 17th Feby 1779 —

Sir — Yours I received by Capt Morey yesterday and am ready to deliver up the Guards agreeable to your Proposal — but Capt. Morey not being sufficient in N° of Men to take the Guards his Provision

Return being only for Nine Men (himself included) and Forty Two Men of my Reg^{t} are now on the different Guards — In Regard to the Number of Men I Regard not, only Request your Certificate for the Delivery of the Stores, that you have received them from me in good, or bad condition, as may be found upon Examination, if I deliver up the same, and order my men away, and the Two Commissaries being at present absent, I desire I may be set upon an Equal Footing so as to be Accountable for what I do — I understand by Sundry Persons (and Capt. Morey in Person) you are willing my Men sho^{d} take the charge of the Stores, only so many are constantly drawing Provisions which you look upon needless, You will be pleased to send me word what Number you would have employed in that duty, only Consider, it will not Answer in regard to N^{o} unless there can be proper Relief and you may depend upon it the way proposed in Respect to the Militia will be more Expencsive than my Men taking the Charge of the same as they now stand. You will please Sir to Consider, that Forty of the Militia at least must be upon the Ground, and the Capts. employed to raise as many more for the next Guard, and at a great distance, and their Continual Marching backward, and forward with the Additional Pay they will expect will amount to more than my Men will receive, in Regard to which I am not going to dictate but am ready to deliver up the Store instantly to you or any one you may appoint, giving me a Proper Certificate for the same, if one Centinel is not on the Ground, the Reason for my asking a Certificate is, the Two Commissaries desired I would take the charge of the same untill their return, and in Case any Embezlement should be made in the Stores at their Return (the Militia then having the Guard) and the Stores upon proper Examinations being Delivered up by me to you or whom you may appoint wo^{d} doubtless clear the Slander which my Men might be charged with — If you chuse a N^{o} of my men sho^{d} be employed to Guard the Stores I sho^{d} be glad to know what N^{o} you think sufficient and I will use my endeavours to get them, and send you an account, the number must be so as to make proper Relief otherwise let us proceed in a regular way and deliver the Stores in proper form — I am Sir

Your hble Servant

B. G. Bayley T. B.

[*General Bayley to Colonel Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 99.]

Newbury Feby 17th 1779

S^{r} — I always tho^{t} that the Guards for the Magazene was ordered by my Desire and you know I have so represented to his Excellency

General Washington so but if you have the charge of the Magazene from the Commissary only I shall not interfere (but I took it otherway), I would however advise that 50 men only guard untill the Commissarys return and that no more Draw Provitions, if you think best that the militia take the Guards as many as 50 shall be raised in two days but I shall not receipt for these reasons if you kept the guard by my order there is no need and as (if you please) you shall Direct whatever Guards may be ordered for the future & if you did not nor do not keep the Guards by my order I shall order the Militia home —

I am Sr Your Humble Servant

To Colo Timothy Bedle Haverhill Jacob Bayley

[R. 5–186] [*Concerning Richard Smart.*]

Atkinson Febry 16th 1779

This may Sertify that Richard Smart is a Soldier in my Comp'y & 3d N. H. Regt — this is to Desire you to Let him have such Cloathing as he shall want his Paying for the Same Pr. me

Benja Stone Capt.

To the Board of War at Exeter —

Received Two Check'd Linnen Shirts Two pr Shoes One pr Leather Breeches & One pr Overalls for which I am accountable —

Richard Smart

[R. 5–186] [*Capt. Daniel Livermore's Receipt.*]

Exeter Feb'y 16th 1779 Received of the Board of War one pair Cloth Overalls & One pr Shoes for Daniel Chandler a Soldier in my Company — Also One pair Shoes for Moses Page One pr ditto for John Hillery One pr ditto for Jeremiah Fairfield they being Soldiers in my Company — Also one pair Cloth Overalls for myself

Danl Livermore Capt

[R. 5–186] [*Lieut. Enoch Chase's Receipt.*]

Exeter Feb'y 20th 1779 Received of the Board of War Twenty-eight pounds Sugar value Eighteen Shillings & Eight, for which I promise to account with them or order Enoch Chase Lt

[*Colonel Bedel to General Clinton. Bedel Papers, p.* 101.]

Haverhill March 6th 1779 —

Sir I recd your Favour By Mr Lyne Dated Feby 16th 1779 you mintind that Majr Cochran was to bring some ammunition from Springfield for the use of the Troops hear he has arrivd and left the ammunition at No 4 and I have given him orders to leve it their with Docr page who takes Cair of the Stores there with orders to Deliver the same to me or my order as I have Receivd a small Quantity from Boston — you mention that you had ordered Majr Whitcomb to march to Haverhill — I have not as yet seen or heard of the Majr or his men you Directed me to take the best Cair of the Stores in my power which I shall do with the gratist Cherfullness you also menchend the Removall of the Stores from this place to No 4 which is not posebel at this time as the snow is all gone and the ground is not setteled fit for Carridges Neither can the Stores be Removed till the Danger of the Enemys Coming this winter will be over a Return of my Regt you have inclosed that No of men or more I can Raise if Neded But I should give it as my opinion that Two Hundred men Beside Whitcombs Corps and the Militia would be a suficent No for the gards of the Stores or Scouting parties — and in case that No could be furnishd with proper Neseries — viz Clothing and Blankets I am very Cleair in it that the Enemy will not Be able to Hurt the Stores if they should not be Removed. Sir from our former acquaintence I make the more Free I must inform you that we never had orders till about the furst of Novr to mak any Barrels there for this Beef then in Novr we cut the stuff for them and the Barrels was made with that green stuff and in case they are Removed By Carting in the Hott season of the year the Barrels will Leak the Broyne out and the Beef will be entirely lost But I should give it as my opinion that theair should be som Vatts made very Cool and the Beef put in them and kept as much from the Heat as possible and the Enemy if they should Come would be Troubeld to Destroy them as much again as if in a proper Store and they are very easly made By the gaurd at very little expense — I Beg you will excuse me for giving my opinion so free — But I Beg leve to Refer you to Majr Cochran who has viewd the place and the situation of affairs — In regard to Shoes we have plenty here in the Commissary of Hides Stores, and should be glad to have an order to draw some for the Men and I have never presumed to draw one pair for them — Whenever the Commissaries are ready to remove the Stores and the Roads will permit I shall give all the Assistance in my power to Mr Lyne who has the Direction for the Removal of the same Genl Bayley looking upon himself as Com-

manding officer Ordered me about the 10th of Feby to Dismiss my men to the No of 50 which is the reason no more draws Provisions n r upon the Ground

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[*General Bayley to Colonel Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 102.]

Sr agreeable to your Letter to the Committee met at Dresden, Capt Morey is arrived with a Party to relieve your Guards if any more men than is ordered is needed at Present they are or will be ready I wish you to give the same orders you usually have given to your Guards and assist them as to giting Provitions &c I thank you for your care in Guarding the magazenes heretofore,

am your Humble Servant

Jacob Bayley

P. S. 20 men was ordered with Capt. Morey, and 30 are ready from Lebanon and Colo Olcot

To Colo Bedle March 16th 1779

[R. 5–188]

Invoice of Clothing & Stores sent by the Board of War for the State of New Hampshire (in two Waggons) in care of Benjamin Leavitt) for Supply of the Troops raised by said State, and addressed to Joseph Leigh Esqr Commissary at Head Quarters, appointed by the Committee of Safety to receive the same —

No 40.	A Hogshead Containing			
	364 pr Mens Shoes at 8/	£145. 12.		
	1086 pr Leather Knee Garters at 1/3	67. 17. 6	—213. 9. 6	
41 & 42.	2 Barrels Ginger 152lb & 143lb 295lb Net at 15d		18. 8. 9	
43.	A Box Cont'g			
	909 Black Stocks for Troops	@ 3/	136. 7. —	
	5 Beaver Hatts —	@ 78/	19. 10. —	
	2 Beaveritt ditto —	@ 48/	4. 16. —	
	3 Castor ditto —	@ 36/	5. 8. —	
	1 ps Garlix 33 yards	@ 3/6	5. 15. 6	
	2½ yds Linnen dld Mr. Emerson	@ 7/	0. 17. 6	= 172. 14. —

44.	A Hhd Cont'g 510 pair Mens Shoes			
45.	A do — 430 p^{r} ditto			
46.	A do — 377 p^{r} do			
	1317 pair	@ 8/		526. 16. —
47	1 Barrel Sugar 2. 1. 2 1. 16 Tare	Net 2. 0. 6 @ 74/8		7. 13. 4
				£939. 1. 7

Exeter New Hampshire March 8th 1779

Errors Excepted ℘ Joseph Gilman

[Superscribed] Copy Inv^{o} Cloath'g sent to Camp Mar. 8, 1779.

[R. 5–190] [*Petition concerning John Fisher, Esq.*]

State of New Hampshire } To the Honble Council and House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened at Exeter 16, March 1779.

Humbly shews Mark Hunking Wentworth of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham and State aforesaid Esqr in behalf of John Fisher of said Portsmouth Esqr That the said Fisher having important urgent Business to transact in Great Britain, went from hence for that purpose, with a determination to return here again, as soon as his Business there was accomplished — Accordingly he lately returned to New York, where he was seized with a lingering disorder, which detained him there untill he received Letters acquainting him of the illness of his only Brother and of the pressing occasion of his immediate return to see his Brother in England. Which unhappy and unexpected Events, caused the s^{d} Fisher to postpone his return here, untill after he had visited his Brother there — But the said Fisher being anxiously concerned to see his wife, and take care of the education of his elder children, desired her to beg of the State leave for her to come, with such of his Children to him at New York — In consequence of which, his wife petitioned the Honble Committee of Safety for said State, for such leave and also for leave to return with her said husband here, as soon as his Business, & opportunity would permit — She obtained leave to go, and went with some of her chil-

dren,* leaving the rest here with longing expectation of returning soon to see them again. — Your Petitioner further suggests that he has the strongest reasons to believe, that Mr Fisher declined engaging in any Business in Great Britain which might hinder his return here. That when he came to New York, it was with design to come here which no doubt he would have accomplished, had not those sad accidents prevented: And as Mr. Fisher's conduct when here & while absent has not been inimical, but on the contrary, he has ever exhibited a friendly disposition, in acts of kindness and generosity to American Prisoners, as many in this, and the other United States gratefully acknowledge and will testify. Which facts had they been known to the General Assembly of this State, at the time of passing the proscribing act, your Petitr conceives would have prevented the said Fisher's name from being inserted among the proscribed. Wherefore your Petitr humbly prays your Honors would take Mr Fisher's peculiar hard case into your wise and candid consideration and grant him leave to return & live in this State — and your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray &c. Mark H'g Wentworth

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State of New Hampr } In the House of Representatives March 17th 1779 — Upon reading and considering the foregoing Petition — Voted, That the Petitioner be heard thereon before the General Assembly on the first Tuesday of their next session, & that the Petitioner in the mean time cause the substance of the Petition and order thereon to be published three weeks successively in one of the New Hampshire newspapers & in one of the Boston newspapers that any person may appear and shew cause why the prayer thereof may not be granted — and that all Process against the said Fisher & his estate be suspended in the meantime —

Sent up for Concurrence John Dudley Speakr pro. temp.

In Council the same day read and Concurred

E. Thompson Sec'ry

[R. 5-191] [*Testimony presented to support the Foregoing.*]

Capt Thomas Palmer of lawful age testifieth and saith he sailed from this Port [Portsmouth] on the ninth day of June A. D. 1778 bound to

* [October 23, 1778, the Committee of Safety granted a permit to "Ann Fisher with her 4 Children & 2 Servants & baggage, to proceed from Portsmo to New London in Connecticut, to meet her husband Jno Fisher Esqr in ordr to go to England." — Ed.]

France with Dispatches from the Continental Congress and two days afterwards was taken by the Experiment Ship of War and carried to New York after being close confined sometime on board a Prison Ship was admitted to go on shore on Parole when John Fisher Esqr sent for him he (s^{d} Palmer) waited upon s^{d} Fisher who expressed a Concern at not knowing he was a Prisoner at the time Capt Lewis was released as s^{d} Fisher said he would then have endeavoured to have procured his discharge also s^{d} Fisher then made particular enquiry what Piscataqua Men were the prisoners & in what manner they were treated & whether any were in immediate want of Relief being informed Capt Gregory was very sick, he sent him some Money by him the s^{d} Palmer, said Fisher then told the s^{d} Palmer he would endeavour to procure a Flag the Release of him and others some time after s^{d} Fisher told the s^{d} Palmer he had procured a Flag to transport twenty two Prisoners to New London as the States then being in Debt to the Admiral to the number of ninety Prisoners s^{d} Fisher told him a greater number could not be released at that time & desired he would visit the Prison Ships and bring him a List of the Prisoners belonging to the State of New Hampshire to that amount upon enquiry the s^{d} Palmer found there were only nine of the aforementioned Prisoners then on board the Prison Ships at New York whose names he returned to s^{d} Fisher who told him to make up the afores^{d} number among those who stood in most need of Relief s^{d} Palmer further saith thro' s^{d} Fisher's means twenty two Prisoners were at that time sent in a Flag to New London — and further saith not.

Portsmouth March 16th 1779 — Thomas Palmer

[Sworn to before Samuel Penhallow. — Ed.]

[*Capt. Thomas Lewis's Testimony.*]

Capt Thomas Lewis of lawful age testifieth and saith that he sailed from this Port on the sixth day of May A. D. 1778 in the armed Ship Portsmouth on a Cruize against the enemies of the United States of America and on the eleventh day of the same Month was taken by the Experiment James Wallace Commander that he was detained on board the Ship Portsmouth and ordered to New York by the s^{d} Wallace. In his passage to New York he fell in with a Fleet of Transports bound to New York under Convoy of the Ardent, Ship of War, Admiral Gambier Commander on board of one

of which ships was John Fisher Esqr — Some weeks after they arrived at New York s^{d} Fisher came on board the Prison Ship where in the s^{d} Lewis was confined and told him the s^{d} Lewis he should have come to see him before had not a fit of sickness prevented him and asked s^{d} Lewis if he would chuse to have his parole provided he would give his honour to send a Man in Exchange and if agreeable to be landed at Elizabeth Town in New Jersey s^{d} Lewis told him the s^{d} Fisher he had rather tarry a few days longer provided the s^{d} Fisher could procure his parole to be sent in a Flag to New London which the s^{d} Fisher kindly promised to endeavour s^{d} Lewis a day or Two after went on shore waited upon s^{d} Fisher who told him he had procured his Exchange to go in a Flag to New London accordingly in a few days s^{d} Lewis was exchanged and sent to New London — s^{d} Lewis further saith s^{d} Fisher asked him if he stood in need of any money or other Necessaries he the s^{d} Fisher said he would supply him while he remained a Prisoner— and further saith not.

Thos Lewis

[Sworn to at Portsmouth, March 16, 1779, before Samuel Penhallow. — Ed.]

[R. 5–193]

[Nahum Akerman testified that his son Benjamin was a seaman on board the ship Portsmouth, was taken prisoner and sent to New York, and that Mr. Fisher obtained his release. — Ed.]

[R. 5–194] [*Capt. John Gregory's Testimony.*]

Capt John Gregory of lawful age testifyeth and saith that on the fourth day of February A. D. 1778 he sailed from this Port [Portsmouth] Commander of the armed Brigantine McClary on a Cruize against the enemies of the United States and on the seventh day of the same month was taken by one of the Enemy's Ships and carried into New Port and there close confined two months from thence removed to New York where he was kept under close confinement four months longer. . . .

John Gregory

[He further stated that he was sick and was supplied with money by Mr. Fisher, who subsequently procured his release. — Ed.]

[R. 5-197] [*Letter from Commissary Leigh.*]

Camp Reading March 18th 1779

Sir — By Mr Emerson I wrote you somewhat fully with respect to the Roles of Deficiencys — Lt Blanchard of the 3d Battn is Returned from Philadelphia and in order that you might be able to Form a right Idea when the Cloathing acct may be Brot to a close — have Inclosed you what that Genl wrote me on the occasion —

I am making the necessary Preparation to Receive the Roles of Deficiency but then I shall not look on them as authentic till I am in Possession either of the Originals or an attested Copy of their Settlement with the Continent — Unless your pleasure is Signified to the contrary — youl Perceive in the Debit side of the inclosed acct Currt that Shoes are charged at three Dollars & Hatts at two — In your acct of Issues as well as the Invoices at times sent both them articles are rated at 8/ — as the acct of Issues now stands in these two articles the Difference is £827 : 18/ — to the Disadvantage of the State —

I shall await your Directions on the matter as it is not for me to act in opposition to the Stipulated prices — Doctor Francis Wainwright a young Gent who served his apprenticeship with Doctor Cutter of Portsmouth and now doing business in the Public Hospital at Danbury was with me a few days since in order to get some matters of Cloathing for himself — Notwithstanding I am an Embittered Enemy against any unnecessary increase of our Publick Debts yet I must confess the argument that Gent used carried a clear and full conviction to me he might with Propriety be serv'd But then as a Complyance on my Part without your knowledge would be deem'd a Breach of Trust in me, I referd him to you & promised to take notice of it in my next — and could wish to have leave to do it —

I suppose Mr Emerson has given you a Memorandum of some articles necessary to Furnish the Stores with — Trim'gs of all kinds and at all times is highly necessary to be in Store, Because there is a great Consumption and when any Officer is Necessitated to purchase otherways it Commonly Costs him more than a Compleat Suit would from me —

Officers Shoes Stockings, Linnen, and something Calculated for Summer Cloathing by no means would be improper as well as some Tea Coffee Spirits &c, as for the Sugar I shall endeavor to make it last out the month of May and as that is a very necessary article it will be proper at that time to have a fresh supply — As for news have nothing Particular to Communicate saving that we are very Peacable in Camp and our men are Enlisting very fast During the

War — and I hear that is the case throughout the whole Army — In short it appears to me that if the Bulk of the Freemen of this Extensive Continent would only Revert back to their original Professions at the Beginning of the War and Persevere therein — The Americans with a Blessing would quickly Convince the whole World, that when Unanimous & Determined and engaged in so good a Cause — They are Unconquerable — We have it Reported in Camp that General Lincoln has gained a Decisive Victory over the Enemy in Georgia — I pray God it may be Confirm'd and it is Fully Believed at this Head quarters — I am with Personal Esteem Sir

your most Obt Hbl Servt

Joseph Leigh

N. B. I suppose the acc^{t} of Issues you sent up the last fall is to be Considered as to go through my books and that it is not Charged at home to the Continent — and you^{l} please to write me by Post directed to the Care of Capt Bates at Reading Church —

[R. 5–198] [*Petition of Sarah Colbath, of Durham.*]

State of New Hamp^{r} } To the Honble the Council and House of Representatives of said State in General Assembly, convened at Exeter March 22^{d} 1779 —

The Petition of Sarah Colbath of Durham in the State aforesaid widow — Humbly Shews —

That Downing Colbath a son of your Petitioner who was a Continental Soldier in Capt Bell's Company & Col^{l} Hale's Regiment was taken sick at Albany in the Autumn of 1777 — & after remaining sometime in a Hospital there, obtained a Furlough to come home — He set off very weak & with much difficulty got to Worcester in the State of Massachusetts Bay, when he was unable to proceed farther without assistance — of which, when your Petitioner had information she dispatched a Man with a Horse to bring him home — the cost of which amounted to twelve pounds & six shillings as may appear by the acc^{ts} &c herewith exhibited — & as your Petitioner is in needy circumstances, having lost her Husband in the service of the United States, & being left with a family of young Children, She requests your Honors to take her case into your wise Consideration, and cause the above sum to be reimbursed to her — & she as in duty bound will ever pray &c —

Sarah $\underset{\text{mark}}{\overset{\text{her}}{\times}}$ Colbath

[The committee reported in her favor. — Ed.]

[R. 5–200] [*Request from Boothbay for Corn.*]

To the Hon^r Gentlemen of the General Court sitting in Exeter We the Committee of Boothbay begs that your Honnors would grant Mr Samuel peirs [Peirce] a per mit to bring out sum Corn out of your state to supply the poor of said Boothbay for tha are in a Suffiring Condition for want of bread meny femalys has not had the value of one peck of corn in thire houses for sum months past your Complyance with will greatly oblige your petitioners as well as the poor of this town.

Boothbay April 12 1779

And^w McFarland
Andrew Reed
David Reed
Joseph Reed
} Committee

[Permission was granted Mr. Peirce to export thirty bushels of corn and twenty bushels of potatoes. — Ed.]

[*Colonel Bedel to General Gates. Bedel Papers, p.* 102.]

Haverhill 28th March 1779 —

Hon^d Sir — Capt. Traversie and his Companion Joseph Gill the Chief of the St Francois Indians are at Length returned and herewith wait on you with the Intelligence they have brought —

A week previous to their Return, the son and Brother in Law of the above Indian Chief arrived here from Canada, and am really sorry to say that some people here (whom they will name to you) out of an inconsiderate Zeal or some other cause censured them as Tories and demand them from me in order to their Imprisonment, but as I was assured to the Contrary I refused to deliver them, Complaints of which I understand are gone to you, no doubt with every aggravation that malice can suggest ; for the Elucidation of the whole I refer you to the Bearer. —

The articles you desired me to procure for Capt. Traversie I should readily have furnished him with but could not get them at least the Major part, some trifles he has had —

There is a certain Number of Indians who has strenuously exerted themselves in Scouting parties & has scarce any Cloathing, it would be really of service to send them Blankets, some other Indians have also been promised Cloathing but it is out of my power to provide them —

I am Hon^d Sir Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Honble Horatio Gates Esqr (Copy) Tim^o Bedel

[*Colonel Bedel to General Gates. Bedel Papers, p.* 103.]

Haverhill 31st March 1779

Sir — You will receive this by Lt Colo Wheelock — I also write in favour of Mr Louis Vincent a Collegian who has been a faithfull Subject to the United States as an Interpreter, he has been among the Micmac Tribes &c, and brought all Intelligence he could obtain, it was not in my Power to reward him according to his desert therefore recommend him to you, as Colo. Wheelock can inform of every Transaction —

The Goslins upon their Tour to Boston have represented me as a Tory and Enemy to my Country which Causes disturbances in these parts I am and was always willing to Answer for my Conduct but Aspersions of such a nature is always detrimental to a Gentlemans Character. I should be glad they might be removed from Hence, that Peace and Amity might subsist among us (I am Certain they are Influenced by Persons who doubtless would be glad to bear the sway) — By daily News from the Northern parts everything is in our favour Colo. Wheelock will inform of any further particulars relative to the state we are in and that a sufficient Force should be kept upon these Frontiers in Case no Provisions is made in this Quarter (by Information received) the People of Course must be obliged to Evacuate these Parts —

Genl Gates —

[*Colonel Hazen to Colonel Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 1.]

Springfield 12th April 1779

Dear Sir — I received your letter by R. Peaslee — this will inform you of my Regiment being on their March for Co'os, & that we are thus far on the way — we shall March Tomorrow, & not make any Material Halt untill we reach No 4 we have vague report of a Number of Canadians & Indians being at Co'os — I hope it is true — & that they may remain there untill I arrive — which I hope & judge will be in the course of this Month — Compliments to Mrs Bedel — & believe me to be Dear Sir

yours very Sincerely

Moses Hazen

Colo Bedel

P. S. Let it be said that I am going to No 4 only & there to build a fort

[*Colonel Hazen to Colonel Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 2.]

Camp Haverhill 24th May 1779

Dear Sir — The bearer Moses Duty of Col : Scammells Regiment and James Merril of Col : Cilleys Regt : have out stayed their time on furlough, and want me to lengthen out the Time I have Told them if they will Join your Party and be faithful a spell in the Public works I will Indeavour to secure them from Harm one of them is a Stone Layer and the other an axeman and as such I conceive they may be useful about your Barn which I Recommend to be 30 by 60 feet — you will never build Cheeper Yours

Col : Bedle Moses Hazen

[*General Bayley to James Ladd. Bedel Papers, p.* 104.]

Newby 19th April 1779

Sr — thier is Eleaven Indians Remains here and as you have orders to take the care of them I wish you to Continue to see them Supplied untill you have orders to the Contrary from some Continental officer I am yours

To Lt James Ladd Jacob Bayley

P. S. Colo Hazen Desires me to Supply them till he comes —

[*Draft in Gunthwaite (Lisbon). Bedel Papers, p.* 105.]

Gunthwaite July 20 : 1779

Sir — In pursuance of your order of the 8 Instant I have Drafted one man to go to the upper Cohos & he is ready to march at your order — I am sir your Humbl Servt

To Colo Israel Morey Luther Richardson Capt

N B. his Name is Ebenezer Richardson

[*Commissary Lyne's Certificate. Bedel Papers, p.* 95.]

Haverhill 20th April 1779

This is to Certify that on my arrival here on the 25th day of November last and at the Time of my Receiving the Stores from Jonathan

Child A. C. of Purchases (on the 1st of December last) at the lower store in this place I found every thing in the best order, the Beef well laid up and preserved, and on Compleating the Repacking said Beef (amount in quantity to 113619 pounds weight) I find it to Tally exactly with my Receipt given, excepting a loss of 440 pounds wholly sustained in Cutting, Weighing, Packing, Reweighing & Repacking.

I also found the Number of Hides of the Cattle killed here and Receipted by me, and the feet receipted by the Commissary of Hides to agree exactly with the account delivered by said Jonathan Child — I do also Certify that Colo: Timo Bedel at my request furnished me with proper Guards to said Store out of his Regt 'till such time Colo: Hazens Regt arrived here —

Matthew Lyne A. C. of Issues.

Sir — The foregoing are copies of Letters and orders relative to my Regt raised in 1778 for the Defence of the Frontiers, a much larger quantity I have by me much to the same Substance but thought it needless to send the whole, by which you will see by what means I drew provisions for my Men — They have not received any Pay or Cloathing for their Service, except one hundred Men who went to Albany received Three Months pay but no Cloathing — Upwards of Fifty Indians were supported out of the Provisions, which the Court of Enquiry was upon at No 4 —

Timo Bedel

[The following statement is on the back of the sheets containing the foregoing, in the handwriting of John Bedel. — Ed.]

These copies found in hands of Nathl White of Concord N. H. Ap. 29, 1870. The copies originally contained 20 pages but it appears that one sheet embracing pages 14, 15, 16, & 17 is mislaid or lost since Nathl Rix copied from them Mar. 9, 1838

J. B.

[*Colonel Hazen to the Town Officials. Chase Papers, p.* 171.]

Charlestown April 22d 1779

Gentlemen — My Regiment will march from this place tomorrow morning for coos for the protection of this fronteer Country and as

we have a Large Quantity of Baggage which moves on with us it will be necessary for you to repair immediately the roads and bridges from town to town as well as to be in readiness to forward on the Baggage from place to place otherwise we shall be delayed on the march to the grate prejudice of the public service & in particular to the good people on this road

I am Gentlemen
your most Obedient Humble Servant
Moses Hazen Col°

To the Gentlemen majestrates select men or surveyors of the roads & all other Inhabitants Living on the road from this place to coos —

[R. 6–1] [*Petition of James and Mary Fleming.*]

To the Honble Committee of Safety for the State of New Hampshire Convened at Exeter for the public Business of said State —

The Petition of James Flemming & Mary his Wife unto your Honours Humbly Shews. —

That your Petitioners about Twelve Months past, came into America from Derry in the Kingdom of Ireland, with an Intention to settle themselves, and arrived in New York, where they have remained untill of late labouring under many heavy difficulties, & inconveniences, & wishing they could get an opportunity to get to some Part of the American States, but finding it impracticable they took passage from New York in the Schooner Chance bound for Georgia, but on their passage thither they were taken by the Continental Frigates, & to their great Satisfaction brought into this State where they have met with a number of their kind Countrymen, with whom they wou'd wish to tarry if this Honble Committee wou'd indulge them with their Consent thereto and they hereby pledge their Faith, and are ready to take the oaths of allegiance to this State, that they will remain peaceable & quiet subjects therein & follow their respective Trades, for which Indulgence they earnestly beg your Honors to grant as they have never taken any part in the present Dispute between the united States of America, & Great Brittain, & your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray.

Portsmouth April 22^d^ 1779 —

James Fleming Mary Fleming

[April 23, 1779, the Committee of Safety took the petition up and the matter was "ordered to lay for further Consider^n^." — Ed.]

[*Colonel Hazen to Major Childs. Chase Papers, p.* 171.]

Charlestown 25th April, 1779 —

Sr as my Regiment is ordered to coos for the protection of that Country and as the public Stores in this Quarter as I am told is destitute of flower and as the transportation of that artical from Albany to this place at this season of the year is attended with great Difficulty, I must beg you will exert your utmost abilitys in collecting by purchasing or borrowing such quantities of flower for the support of the troops under my command as may be adequate to our present necessity as in case of your failure in this important business I shall be under the Disagreeable necessity of Quartering my Troops on the inhabitants for their daly subsistence — you may assure the good people & those that are willing to Lend there flower on this occation that the Comy Genl has taken such measures as will not only furnish the Troops with ample supply but in a short time inable us to repay such Quantity as you may borrow on this occasion.

I am Sr your very Humble Servt —

Majr Childs Moses Hazen Colo

[R. 6–2] [*Mrs. Pepperell's Petition.*]

To the Honorable the Committee of Safety for the State of New Hampshire convened at Exeter the 4th of May 1779.

Mary Ann Pepperell of Portsmouth in said State humbly shews — That she has lately received a Letter from her Husband Andrew Pepperell Esq from New York, directing your Petitioner to meet him at the Lines at Kings Bridge, in order to embark with him for England Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays your Honors, to grant her leave to comply with her Husbands orders: and John Sparhawk of Portsmouth aforesaid a Relative of her Husbands, having been so kind as to offer to accompany her, she further prays that He may have leave to go with her as far as the Lines aforesaid, & thence to return home. And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c. —

Mary Ann Pepperell

[Mrs. Pepperell's request was granted May 13, 1779. — Ed.]

[R. 6–2] [*Order for Clothing.*]

Exeter May 13, 1779.

Gent — Joseph Tole & Samuel Marstin both of the late Capt Weares Compy 3d N Hampshire Battn apply for cloathing please to supply them, they to account therefor

To the Board of War for New Hampshire } Caleb Robinson Capt

Received each of us Two pr Shoes & Two pair Stockings

Samuel Marstin
Joseph Tole

[R. 6–3] [*Statement of Naval Officer Russell,* 1779.]

Sir — Whatever orders I have received from the Honorable committee of safety, since my appointment to the Naval office have been faithfully executed to the extent of my power — as far I believe as is in the power of any person in times so peculiarly depraved — when evasion Juggle & deceit reign almost triumphant, yet I have reason to fear the public orders are often counteracted in a way that I cant detect nor procure any evidence to prosecute, except a constant guard was in the harbor, below the forts during the night season. Corn, masts & spars, I suspect are carried from this river to the Massachusetts bay, in a way of smugling — The masters of the vessels come to clear with all the appearance of innocence; Pass the highest encomiums upon law, order, & government, pass the Forts Lawfully, & lay sometime in the harbor till their purposes are accomplished.

My living on the banks of the river, gives me a general view of what passes on it; and tis certain all the above articles are carried & towed down by boats — generally through crooked Lane, which is wholly within the Jurisdiction of the Massachusetts bay and I dont see how this evil can be prevented, but by repairing the old Fortification on the point at New Castle and keeping an honest guard of observation there. Indeed tis my opinion that the Jurisdiction of the harbor may soon be disputed, If that Fort is not properly occupied — I think some movements that way are discernable.

I have frequently examined outward bound vessels my-self; But as I am rather rigidly bound to office hours by law, am obliged to employ some trusty person & give them the whole fees of the vessel for their service — after all, the matter is, as above described, which it appears my duty to communicate.

My last order from the Honorable committee created a very great puzzle; it respected the goods bot at *vendue* about the 20th of last month, at that time the Town swarmed with strangers they purchased at *private sale* everything they cou'd lay their hands on, and blended both sorts together in a way that no person living cou'd discriminate. However the matter was cleared up, by Capt Partridge's coming with a large manifest to clear his Schooner for Boston, declaring at the same time that the articles were those purchased at sd vendue, & telling me some gentlemen were determined to protest if I refused to clear him.

I have punctually obeyed the order of the Committee, and it has produced the threatened protest. The clamor has been great upon the occasion, which I have stood with settled fortitude.

Inclosed is a copy of the protest, which Partridge left with me, & which is now forwarded for the inspection of the committee. I beg sir, to be instructed by the Honorable board, how to proceed, as from the appearance of some people, I expect more actions than one brot against me, and a whole years profit of the office wou'd not carry the actions thro the courts. I have the honor to be with the greatest esteem your most obedt Servt

Portsmouth 5th June 1779 E Russell

To the Honorable the chairman of the Honorable committee of safety for the State of New hampshire.

[May 24, 1779, the Committee of Safety had "ordered the Naval officer not to permit any of the articles purchased at a vendue held at Portsmouth last week, on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, to be Cleared out in any vessel whatsoever till further orders." On June 7 said committee passed an order allowing said goods to be "exported from this State." — Ed.]

[*General Folsom to Colonel Morey. Hibbard Collection, N. H. Historical Society, Vol. II. p.* 94.]

State of New Hampshire } Exeter 26th June 1779.

Israel Morey Esq. Colo of a Regimt of Militia, Pursuant to a Vote of the Council & Assembly, I am directed to order you to make Return to me (as soon as may be) of the Number of Men in the Train Band and the Number of Men in the Alarm List in your Regiment — and you are to see that they are properly Equip'd and ready to march at a moments warning —

Nathl Folsom Majr Genl

[R. 6–6] [*Order to Equip the Ship Hampden.*]

State of New Hamp^{r} } In Committee of Safety Exeter July 3^{d} 1779.

To the Board of War at Portsmouth.

Gentlemen You are hereby directed Immediately to take and equip the Ship Hampden (belonging to Messrs Langdon and others) for the Expedition carrying on by our Sister State against Penobscot if it should appear to you that it can possibly be done and the Ship well manned and ready to sail in Eight days from this Date then you will suffer no delay but if it should appear to you that that is not like to be accomplished in that time you will be carefull not to proceed on said Business

By order of the Committee

[Signature missing.]

[It appears that on the 8th of July the Committee of Safety appointed Titus Salter, captain, and Daniel Lang and Joshua Stackpole, lieutenants, of the ship Hampden on said expedition. — Ed.]

[R. 6–7] [*William Denning to Nathaniel Peabody.*]

New Windsor 6 July 1779 —

Dr Sr When I exchanged promises with you at New Haven to take the earliest opportunity of beginning an Epistolary correspondence with you, I do assure you with confidence it was my real design the distance however between us with the uncertainty of Conveyance discouraged me, those difficulties being now removed, with great pleasure I take up my pen — and when sufficient matter is not furnished by, news and politicks, Friendship and sentiment shall be substituted — Genl Washingtons Head Quarters now at New Windsor from whence he has an easy and safe rout by water to Westpoint, the fortifications on our river — I am happy to acquaint you that the Genl is indefatigable in putting those works in a proper state of defence, his opinion is, that the Enemy still intends an attack on the fort, if they put their intentions into Execution I believe it will prove fatal to them. It is reported that a reinforcement is arrived at New York, that many of their Troops have gone down the river and that a strong Garrison is left at Kings ferry, but that as soon as all their reinforcements arrive an attack on the fort will be made — this is mostly deserters news, you

know what confidence therefore it deserves — I am sorry to see by the papers such very great altercations in Congress, the publishing their debates on the business of the Fisheries will certainly be injurious to our common cause — can it be doubtful my friend whether the fisheries are, or are not, the natural and political right of this Country, surely no, but have we not in this debate clearly told great Britain that we were in doubt about it, will she then Guarantee the Fisheries on our own Coast if we think we have no right to them — I wish to see the minutes of Congress publish'd for the information of the people at large except such as in wise policy ought to be kept secret, and I am sure this subject ought to be so — has any answer ever been given to the Court of France on the requisition to know on what Terms America would Treat with Britain, does not the negative imply a neglect. The French Court my good Friend are very Tenacious of the Honour of the nation and anything that has the appearance of Contempt or neglect might prove fatal to America — I am far from wishing to see America servily Attentive to France — no, a manly and uniform firmness will be our best rule of Conduct with this power, but by all means to pay them the Attention due to their services for us — There is too much wisdom in America to permit her to consider France as disinterested, we all know how much she is interested in the success of our opposition to Britain and while it is her interest it will be her policy to assist us but no longer — we ought therefore carefully to avoid raising her suspicions — direct for me at Bethlehem near New Windsor, and while Head Quarters is in that Neighborhood you may direct to the care of Col° Hamilton of the Generals family, A. D. C. to his Excellency — and your Letters would find a safe conveyance to come by the persons who brings the Generals Dispatches, also direct to me to the care of Samuel Loudon Esqr Fishkill post but in this case you will frank them, my Friend Mr Fell will acquaint you how he directs to me and his Letters comes safe. I remain with great Esteem

S^r your most Hble Servt

Wm Denning

[Addressed] Honble Nathaniel Peabody Esqr Philadelphia

[Endorsed] Letter from Wm Denning Esq. Rec^d July 17th

[R. 6–8] [*Certificate concerning John Merritt.*]

Exeter July 10, 1779

This may Certify that I have received John Merrett as a Continental Soldier during the present War, as a Recruit for the 8th Comp'y of the 1st Militia Regt of this State —

Caleb Robinson Capt in 2d N. H. Battn

[R. 6–9] [*Copy of Letter. Peabody to Weare.*]

No 3 Philadelphia 20th July 1779

Sir — In my last which was wrote in great haste, I had the Honr of inclosing you several Newspapers & hand bills, since which foreign Letters have been Recd as late as ye 6th of april '79 — informing that Britain, finding herself baffled in her Diabolical efforts to subjugate ye people of these states to the despotic dominion of a Dupe to an ignominious Tyrant whose Tender mercies are Cruelty — destitute of that Humanity which never finds a sure habitation but in a generous breast — & contrary to ye laws & customs of Civilized nations had Given Express orders to their Commanding officers in America to plunder, burn, Kill & Destroy all the defenceless Towns in their Power — and in particular directed the late infernal excursion to New Haven — a particular account of which enterprize you will doubtless have before this reaches you — never the less I herewith inclose the last accts we have of all the late manouvers of both armies — heartily congratulate my fellow Citizens on the favourable prospect at the Southward — and the Lucky affair of Taking by surprize Col Johnson with about 500 men & a very strong & important fortress at Stony point at ye North River — which circumstance will give new life and vigour to our Troops — and furnish a historic Page in ye annals of America.

Your Delegates here have sent on to the State a number of ye Journals of Congress, except for ye year 1778, which are not yet come from ye printers, and ye earliest opportunity will be improved in forwarding them when Compleated —

I am with due Respect Honr Sir

your most obedient and very Huml Servt

Copy N. P.

P. S. Sir I must beg youl please to inform me whether you have Recd my Letter dated June ye 3d inclosing an agreement of very

Great importance to me & my friends — I left the letters in the Care of my friend Mr Blanchard who knew nothing of what it Contained — if Recd please to inform when & by whom — I now inclose you a Letter from Dr Hodges to Mr Jesse Johnson — beg you will seal it & forward the same as early as possible to Mr Johnson — I understand affairs appear promising

Col Weare

[Endorsed] Copies of letters to W. & B. July 20th [W. & B. were Meshech Weare and Josiah Bartlett.]

Muster Roll of the Men raised in the 5th Regiment of Militia in the State of New Hampshire, for the defence of Rhode Island — 1779.

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

No.	NAMES.	Towns they engag'd for.	Time of engagemt 1779
1	Israel Burnham	Wilton	July 12
2	Daniel Holt	do	" 13
3	Moses Averil	Amherst	" 13
4	Levi Woodbury	do	" 13
5	Alpheus Crosby	do	" 13
6	Roger Merrill	Nottinghm West	" 15
7	Isaac Foot	do	" 15
8	Nathan Cross	Litchfield	" 15
9	Daniel Bayley	Holles	" 16
10	Daniel Kendrick	do	" 16
11	Samuel Emerson	do	" 16
12	John Hobart, Jn	do	" 16
13	John Carlton	Amherst	" 26
14	Abel Hodgman	Mason	" 25
15	Asa Hutchinson	Merrimac	" 26
16	Abel Davis	do	" 26
17	John Odel	Amherst	" 26
18	Eleazer Fisk Junr	Dunstable	" 27
19	Edmund Farnsworth	Mason	" 27

Engaged to serve six months

Amherst July 27, 1779. Pursuant to Orders I have muster'd the above Soldiers and they were able bodied & effective.

Attest Moses Nichols M Master

State of New Hampshire to Moses Nichols — Dr

1779 July } To Mustering the above 19 Soldiers @ 4/ . . . £3. 16. 0

Recd an order on the Treasury for the above Sum.

Moses Nichols

[R. 6–11]

[*Deposition Relative to the Capture of the Sloop Hannah*, 1779.]

I Daniel Evans of Lawfull age Testify & declare, that I was appointed Master of the Sloop Hannah, & sail'd from Portsmo New Hampr the first Day of June last, on a Voyage to Mico was takn the 11th day of said June, in Lat. 33 & 27 No L 58 W by the Brig Hazzard from Glascow Geo Karr Capt in Compy wth the Brig Adventure Geo Hewett Master, from Liverpool — some days after I was taken, sd Capt Karr told me that he Boarded a Spanish Vessel a few days before he took me, the Capt of which informed him, that he was Boarded by a Brig under American Colours, who Rob'd him of his Watch, & a quantity of Dollars — some little time after Capt Karr & I was invited on Board Capt Hewett to Dine — & we accordsy Dined with him, at which time Capt Karr introduced the conversation respects the Spanish Vessel being Robed by a Vessell under American Colours, & charged Capt Hewitt with the Robery. — Capt Hewett owned that he under American Colours Boarded a Spanish Vessel, & said, that if the vessel was Robed it was done by his Lieut — being the officer that he sent on Board — Capt Hewett shewd some Dollars which he said he had of the Spanniard, for a tierce of Beefe he sold him — further saith not —

Copy Daniel Evans

I John Shackford of Lawfull age declare, that I was appointed Mate of the Sloop Hannah & saild with Capt Evans & was taken with him & heard all the Conversation as above related by Capt Danl Evans, excepting when he went on Board of Capt Hewett to Dine, I was not with them —

Copy — John Shackford

Exeter July 31 — 1779

Sworn to before M. Weare

[R 6–11] [*Recruits for Continental Army.*]

Exeter Sep^{t} 7, 1779

Gen^{t} — Peter Thomas & William Johnson are Recruits for the Continental Army for the State of New Hampshire

Caleb Robinson Capt

To the Board of War for N. Hampshire

Letter & acco^{t} of Colours for Col^{o} Cilleys Reg^{t} 1779 [*N. H. Historical Society, Miscellaneous Collections, Vol. I. p.* 115.]

Boston 5th August 1779 —

Sir — I send you inclosed the Apc^{t} for painting and making the Colours, which amount to 90. £ — you will oblige me by forwarding it to me as soon as possible —

I am, Sir your hum^{ble} Ser^{t}

Daniel Denison Rogers

Thomas Odiorne Esqr Exeter

[Endorsed] Colors for Col^{o} Cilleys Regiment 1779 p^{d} for by the State

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[R. 6–12] [*Meshech Weare to Nathaniel Peabody.*]

Hampton falls Augt 10th 1779 —

My Dear Sir Your favor of the 20th Ult^{o} I Received by the last Post, have also received yours inclosing the Newspapers and hand bills, for which I am much Obliged to you. I hope you will excuse my not writing to you sooner, or so frequently as I could wish I can assure you, it is not for want of inclination, but the weakness of my nerves makes it difficult for me to write at any time, and at some times impracticable, but pray dont let this hinder you from writeing to me by every oppertunity, the receiving a letter from you seems next to conversing, which was ever very agreeable. We have nothing very material going forward this way but the Expedition against the Brittish forces who have landed and fortified themselves at Penobscott, we had last week accounts from thence, that our people had landed, Driven the inemy from their Redoubts, taken a number of cannon & Baggage, and shut them up in the fort, where they were

besieged, and it was tho't must soon Surrender, but since that, the Commanding officer of Our forces, has sent for a reinforcement of men, which seems to show that the Enemy are better fortified, and like to hold out longer than was expected: This is a matter of great consiquence to this part of the countrey, and we are anxious for the event. Vermont Affairs Remain much in the same Situation as when you went away, hope to hear soon what was done by the Com^tee^ of Congress, and what report they make

I Received your letter of the 3^d^ of June with the enclosed Agreement, some time after you went away, I am uncertain how long, I think it was by m^r^ Davis one of the Representatives that I Received it. Mr Johnson has Signed the Agreement, and it is now safe in my hand. I am glad to hear that Doc^r^ Hedges is likely to Succeed, I am in hopes that Affair will turn to good advantage, the letter you indorsed for Mr Johnson, I carried to him my Self lest it should Miscarry, and believe he will assist what he can. I have heard nothing from Mr Devenport since you went away. I saw Capt Atkinson some time past, he is desirous of laying out some Lotts in one of the Towns (I am uncertain whether Coventry or Lincon) he wants to be building Mills, and making improvements. I have no Directions respecting that matter. I tho't it best to hear something further from Mr Devenport before anything of that kind was done — If anything perticular relative to these Affairs comes to my knowledge shall give you as perticular information as I can I cannot add further at this time, but with my best wishes for your wellfare I am with much Respect

y^r^ Ob^t^ Hum^le^ Ser^t^

Col Peabody M. Weare

[Addressed] Col^o^ Nathaniel Peabody Esqr
at Congress Philadelphia

[Endorsed] Rec^d^ Augt 23^d^ 1779

[R. 6–13] [*Congressman Peabody to President Weare.*]

N° 4 Philadelphia Augt 10th 1779

Sir — This moment I am informed, from good authority, that his Catholic Majesty has declared he will no longer be an idle spectator in ye present Contest — that he has actually Joined in alliance with France and these United States — That a French fleet from Brest

Consisting of 32 Ships of the Line, and a Spanish fleet of 22 Ships of the Line are forming a Junction, which with ye addition of 25,000 Land forces, said to be Destined against Ireland, official accounts, it is said are in this City Certifying the truth of yc above. It is reported, 6000 British Troops are coming to America — Monsr Gerrard being from home prevents ye Communication &c — It is reported here that G. Collier with 7 arm'd Vessels Several Transports and two thousand Land forces put to sea ye 29th ult^o supposed to be destined for Penobscott — The success of Count de Estang in ye West Indias, the advantage he has gained over ye British fleet — cannot fail to give new life to our friends, and make our enemies stand agast — beg you^l please to give me ye earliest intelligence of the Eastward Expedition — & such other matters as may come to your knowledge — Excuse brevity and incorrectness as I write this in Congress and am obliged to attend ye debate in order to give my vote

I am Sir &c Yours

N. P. [Nathaniel Peabody]

P. S. As I conclude am enabled to subjoin an extract of a letter to Congress from Mr Bingham

St Pierie Martinique July 22, 1779

informing that the Govr of y^t place had communicated to him a letter from ye minister announcing to him the speedy declaration of Spain & desiring him to take measures accordingly informing him that ye Count De Onvellers had sailed with 32 Ships of ye line towards Corunna, where he was to be joined with 20 Spanish Ships — Britain has absolutely refused the mediation of Spain — 25,000 french Troops are now lying on the Coast of France ready to embark on an Expedition against Ireland — Six thousand additional troops have taken their departure for America against which G. Britain intends to make her last & I hope unsuccessful efforts this year — this news may "be depended upon"

[The foregoing is from retained copy. — Ed.]

[*Colonel Hazen to Colonel Bedel. Hibbard Collection, Vol. II. p.* 136.]

Camp Haverhill 11th Augt 1779

Dear Sir The Regiment has Now Two Days Bread Due, & the Companies Detached to Repair the Roads, and those at gardiners

Post were out of bread last evening — not an ounce of bread or flower in Camp — I beg you will assist in Collecting what flower you Can — Mr Childs said he would endeavour to get you to go to Bath in order to secure some if Possible at that place — we must have some flower provided aforehand — I hope you have before this some of Col. Johnsons wheat ground and in that Case send it on by the bearer — Compliments to Mrs Bedle —

Yours

Col. Bedle at his home in Haverhill Moses Hazen

[R. 6–14] [*William Denning to Nathaniel Peabody.*]

New Windsor 12 August 1779

Dr Sr I wish I could in this Letter acknowledge the receipt of one from you, but so far from it I set down to acquaint you that I am not favored with a Letter from you — perhaps (as is Generally the case with all new hands) you find business crowd hard upon you, from a conciousness that it must be done. I wish not my friend to break in on your Hours of business, but those of your Leisure, from a former promise, I flatter myself I have some claim to, so then says you if its claimed as a matter of right I will enquire into it, this enquiry from principles of Justice and Liberty will I hope produce me a Letter — I am informed that our Little fleet &c has succeeded at Ponopscot and Taken the party, the Ships it is said the Enemy sunk on the approach of our people. I wish this may be true, from every intelligence from the Enemy they are apprehensive no reinforcements will arrive I am firmly of opinion if any does arrive it will be very trifling in which case I think this Campaign will be a most Glorious one for America, provided we have wisdom and integrity sufficient to make the best of it — do write me immediately and be particular as to news, in my remote Situation everything in the news way will be Amusing — yours Sincerely

Wm Denning

[Addressed] The Honble Nathaniel Peabody Esqr Philadelphia

[*Colonel Hazen to Colonel Bedel. Bedel Papers, p. 2.*]

Camp Davises Lake 20th Augt 1779

Dear Sir — Inclosed you have a letter for Mr Childs which seal and send to him as soon as Possible.

I should be glad of his answer by the first opportunity Genl: Bayley will forward or perhaps bring it up himself. I shall be glad to hear from you by every opport'y and be favored with your advice and opinion Mr Johnston brought me up the Information from below — I hope in a few days to hear from Canada

Yours in haste

Col: Bedle Moses Hazen

[Superscribed] To Col: Bedle to be forwarded by Capt Duncan Haverhill

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[*Colonel Hazen to Colonel Bedel. Hibbard Collection, Vol. II. p.* 136.]

Camp at the end of the Road — 50 miles
24th Augt 1779 —

Dear Sir — We are Determined to put an end to our work here by Next Saturday night and therefore have ordered out all the provisions that will be wanted up to that time viz 2600^{lb} of Flower and about 3000^{wt} of fresh Beef, no more ox Teams or Stinking Beef — we shall not find much difficulty in gitting up to the notch of the mountain, we began to work yesterday only, and this afternoon I moved my Camp Commissary, and Hospital Stores three miles on — I have Detached Major Ried 2 Captains 2 Subalterns and Eighty five men Including those at the Block house as an Escort for Provisions — who come on and Return with the Pack horses — and I shall pay very Particular attention to secure the woods on my left from our van to Onion River — so that I hope I may not be surprised — If I shall find that a Party is coming to attack me I shall Indeavour to Draw them further into the woods by filing off to the Right towards the uper Coos and gain a little time for your militia to assemble and get in their Rear when I think we can manage any Party they can send — every Necessary Piece of Intelligence I shall Communicate If Mrs Bedles health will admit of your Leaving home should be glad to see you here and in that case you must come out with Dixon as there will not be any guards left behind him — we shall eat up the flower he brings and then Return — I shall be much obliged to you if you will Ride up to Camp on Receipt of this and see that Duncan has it in his Power to send on the Provisions ordered — what I have said here will be best to keep to yourself —

Your Hum^{l} Serv'

Colo Bedle Moses Hazen

[R. 6–15] [*Copy. Peabody to Weare.*]

N° 5 Philad^a 24th of Augt 1779

Hon^d and Dear Sir I had the honor of receiv'g your kind favour of ye 10th instant p^r Post. Am Extreamly oblig'd to you for the intelligence therein Contain'd; The Trouble you was pleased to take in Conveying the Letter, I inclosed you, to Mr Johnson, adds to the Long Catalogue of your favours I have so hapily experienced and has laid me under Greater Obligations than I am able to discharge — Can only say I most ardently wish for oppertunity & ability, equal to my sentiments, of Gratitude, for serv'g your best interest.

We have nothing new here but what you will have in the papers herewith enclosed —

Some important matters still remain'g undetermin'd Prevents my writing advantgeously upon ye Subjects —

Shall as prudence may Direct Communicate every important matter that may Come to my Knowledge I am apprehensive many & Great advantages would be derived from a frequent Correspondence between ye authority of the respective States and their delegates in Congress & which by their practice appears to be the Sentiments of almost every State in the Union except New Hamp^r — frequent information of the Circumstances & Transaction of our Constituents, even in matters which at first view might be tho't of little importance, would Serve many Valuable purposes, as the Sentiments of the citizens of any State may in some measure be Drawn from their public proceedings, and of course will prove useful Lessons of instruction to their Delegates hapily influential upon their Conduct Especially in such matters as more Imediately affect the interest of such State —

The foregoing Consideration would alone be sufficient to Convince me of the absolute necessity of an Authority being Vested in some person or persons who may officially Transact the afore mentioned & many other essential matters for keeping in regular motion the various wheels in ye Great Political Machine —

I hope you will Embrace every oppertunity to write me not only in regard to those things which Concern ye State but also some other matters that may come to your Knowledge

you^l please excuse my writing in this rude & incorrect manner and believe me Sir when I assure you I am &c

[Nathaniel Peabody]

Sent Papers viz Augt 16th–18th 19th 21^t & 24th
of each viz 1 — 2 — 2 — 2 — 2

M. Weare &c

[Endorsed] Copy to M. Weare Augt 24th

[*Colonel Hazen to Colonel Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 3.]

Camp Hazens Rout 31st Aug. 1779.

Dr Sir — I have your letter of the 28th Current — am sorry for Mrs Bedle and your situation — am obliged to you for the hint in the Rout you proposed for me altho my own Judgement would have dictated what you Pointed out — I have ordered 15 hundred weight of flower and about 15 hundred weight of fresh Beef to be sent from Haverhill on Sunday morning next — one Load of good Salt Beef I wish might be sent off on friday or Saturday Next to come as far as Gardeners post only — We find a Pretty Ragged Country but shall not pass over it, without making a good Road — I have Desired Capt Duncan in cases of Difficulties to apply to you which I hope he will not have occasion of —

I am Dr Sir yours sincerely

Col : Bedle — M : Hazen

Boileau and Mooers is arrived their information Coroberates the former La Grands party is yet out — M : H

[*Colonel Hazen to Colonel Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 3.]

Haverhill 8th Sept: 1779 —

Dear Sir — I most sincerely Condole with you on the loss of one of the best of wives or Consorts — The Regt will be in Camp Tomorrow morning at 9 oClock not an ounce of flower is for them here. I shall send Doroughty with the waggon to the mill this evening for flower pray endeavour to Collect flower for a Day or Two — a few Potatoes we should be glad of if they are to be had in your Neighbourhood — Yours

Moses Hazen

P. S. Should be glad to see you this afternoon or Tomorrow morning —

Col : Bedle

[*Bayley to Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 105.]

The Indians want Provitions, they cant get it at the Court house as Colo Hazen want me to do some business to be sent of tomorrow I cannot come Down I wish to Inform them where to get it. Some

business Col° Hazen wants done in which you must asist or it will fail I wish to see you as quick as Possible —

I am S^r your Hum^l Servt

Newb^y 29th Sep^tr 1779 — Jacob Bayley

Colo Bedle

[*Autograph Letter from General Washington to Colonel Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 106.]

Head Quarters Morristown 11 Decem^r 1779.

Sir — A Complaint having been lodged ag^t the Quarter Master and Commissaries of Purchases and Issues at Coos for mal conduct in their respective offices — a Court of enquiry will be held upon them at this place on the 20th January next — I am informed that your presence will be necessary in the investigation of the several charges, and you will therefore be pleased to attend at the time above mentioned — I am S^r y^r most ob^t Servt

Col° Bedel G° Washington

[Superscribed] On Public Service To Colonel Bedel at Coos ☙ fav^r Major Whitcomb G° Washington.

[R. 6–17] [*Letter from Commissary Leigh.*]

Newburgh Oct° 14th 1779 —

Dear Sir The Clothier General has signified to me his Intentions of Supplying me with our States proportion of Cloathing at this post which will prevent my being in Philadelphia this Fall agreeable to my Expectations when I left you — General Wilkinson informed me that Congress had made an Establishment of Pay & Subsistance for the State Clothiers. I should esteem it as a particular favour if you would procure the Resolution of Congress on this head and be pleased to send them under cover to me to be left at the post office Fish Kills —

General Sullivans Division I hear is soon expected to Join the Main Army I could wish I had it in my power to furnish our Hampshire Forces with all the necessaries I know they must of course stand in need of, however I will do by them as well as ever I can — you undoubtedly have heard of the Death of Capt Benjamin Kimball, poor man he unfortunately lost his life by the accidental discharge of a Soldiers Musquet — I conceived him to have been a valuable member of society and the publick in my opinion has lost a faithful Ser-

vant — When any thing Interesting takes place to be communicated and you can find a leisure moment: you would lay me under the greatest of obligations you would improve it and let me know what turn matters are likely to take amongst the Great [?] in Europe — you[l] permit me to salute you and am with perfect esteem Dear Sir

your most obed[t] humb[l] Serv[t]

Joseph Leigh

To Nathaniel Peabody Esq Member of Congress Philadelphia

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

State of New Hampshire } In consequence of orders Received I have raised & mustered to serve in the Continant[l] Army for the Teirme of one year viz —

Time of Muster	NAMES	Place of abode	age	who mustered for
July ye 15th	Daniel Sweat	Eping	17	East Kingston
Do ye 17th	Abra[m] Chase	plastow	34	for plastow
ye 21st	Jacob Hardy	Salam	27	for Ditto
Do	David Hammond	Ditto	20	— Do
Do	Will[m] Morland	Do —	19	— Do
Do	James Nixon	Do	22	— Do
Do	Frend Noyes	Do	17	— Do
Do	Jonath[n] Stevins	Do —	18	— Do
Do	Nath[l] Kelly	Do	16	— Do
ye 21st	Samuel Daves	Hampstead	19	for Hampstead
Do	William Heath	Do	22	Do
Do	Jabez Boin	Do	16	Do
ye 23d	Ezekiel Stone	of Heneker	28	for Newton
ye 26th	Simeon Clemments	of Salam	19	for Atkinson
ye 28th	Nath[el] Bachellor	Deirfeld	22	for Kingston
Do	John Reandal	Lee	18	— Do
August ye 23d	Davied pesle	Sandown	28	for Do
Do	Daniel Callaghan	Londondery	30	for Atkinson
Do	John Moloy	Do —	29	Do
Do	James Keeff	Do	27	Do.
ye 28th	Thomas Mitchal	Do	27	for Hampstead
Septe[m] ye 4th	Willi[m] Johnson	of Boston	22	Do
ye 14th	otho Stevens	Sandown	17	for Sandown

Colburn parker mustered May ye 4th 1779 During the War of & for plastow

Jacob Gale, Lieut Col[ni]

To Major General Folsom

East Kingston october ye 28th 1779

[R. 6–19] [*Major William Scott's Appointment.*]

Head Quarters Moore's – house Friday Novr 5 1779

Major Scott of the New Hampshire line is appointed Brigade Major to General Poor's Brigade and is to be obeyed and respected accordingly —

Extract from Genl Order Edwd Hand [?] A. G^{l}

[R. 6–19] [*Joshua Wentworth to* ———]

Portsm^{o} Nov. 24, 1779 —

Dear Sir — I have not met an opp'ty to send Mr Leavitts money before this pr Major Gains — since I came from Exeter — I hope it has not been of any damage to him I shall be oblig'd you would count it out to him, at his receiving it, a list is inclosed in the Bundle —

Pray how comes on the Treasury I fear we must take out a Commission of Bankruptcy soon — We have no news here but what the worthy man who bears this will communicate —

remaining very sincerely Dr Sir
y^{r} friend & h. Servt
Josh. Wentworth

[*Colonel Hazen to Colonel Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 5.]

Camp Peekskill 14th Novem^{r}: 1779

D^{r}: Sir — I have your letter of the 15th Oct: last observe the Contents, Major Childs Took up your Note from Capt Carlisle — you will of Course Charge me with the money Paid L^{t}: Montgomery, Gill and the Indians at your Quarter, will I believe be Taken care off. I have Done every thing in my Power for them — as also to promote an Expedition to the Northward — Col: Wadsworth says Childs shall be furnished with money, as amply as is in his Power — Congress have Called on the Different States to give in their pretentions to the Grants or State of Vermont, by the 1st of Feby next, and it is Ginerally thought the grants will be Divided — & It is also ginerally thought that the merch^{t} or Convention agreement to support the credit of the Currency will fall through, and of Course the money Take an other Tumble — all for the best, as Congress have requested

15 millions of Dollars pr Month from the United States to be paid in by Taxes, which I think will at least bring the money to a Stand — Not a word of news from the Southward which is odd — we have been Laying on our arms as it were, waiting for the arrival of Count De Estaing to show us the way into New York: It is now too late and I wish he may as I expect he will settle the business to the Southward —

If the Count should take Provost army and then put the united States in Possession of the floridys; It will be enough for him this year — a small magazine of forage is ordered to be laid in at Coos — Remember what I urged when with you, viz — that you represent your Exposed Situation in Consequence of the New Communication to Canada; to the State of New Hampshire and the Massachusetts — I think it ought to be Done by Petition seting forth the value of your Country — and your willingness and ability to assist in an expedition to Canada the Reduction of which alone can secure your Territorys. In this and every measure of that kind you have not a moments Time to Loose —

I have wrote more fully to Genl: Bayley he will show you my letter

I am D^{r}: Sir yours very Sincerely —

Moses Hazen

P. S. I hope before this Nancy Hazen is sent to school. If not pray let it be done as soon as Possible —

In my last letter I mentioned my having Bo^{t}: the Two home lotts Belonging to the Estate of Capt: John Hazen and Desired you to Take some measures to have it Inclosed — M. H.

Colonel Bedle Coos —

[R. 6–21] [*Nathaniel Peabody to Meshech Weare.*]

N° 10 Philad^{a} 27th Nov 1779

Sir. I have the Hon^{r} to acknowledge the Rec^{t} of your favours of the 6^{h} instant which with ye inclosed Copy of my reappointment &c Came to hand ye 22^{d} Just as Mr Langdon was Seting off for home — And give me leave once more to Assure you That I entertain a due Sense of the repeated Hon^{r} done me by the free Suffrages of my fellow Citizens — And although my private interest is daily injured by my absence from home and Vehemently urges my immediate attention yet as it is of the utmost importance that the State should be represented at this Critical Conjuncture — and as I enjoy a Tolerable

State of Health Shall Esteem it an indispensible duty to endeavour with fidelity to discharge the Trust reposed in me by this appointment Till the State shall be otherwise represented in Congress — unless sooner recall'd &c during which I shall assiduously aim That the State may not have occasion to regret this Appointment

It would be a very happy Circumstance in my favour if I Could Set off from hence So as to arrive home before winter Sets in, as it will be very disagreeable Taking so long a Journey at that Season of the year, however Shall not leave *the State unrepresented in* Congress, till I shall have given them at least one months previous notice, unless necessitated by some unforeseen occurrence.

I have the Hon^r to be Sirs with ye highest Consideration of Esteem your Hon^rs most obliged obedient & ever Humble Servt

To President Weare N P

[R. 6–22] [*Woodbury Langdon to Nathaniel Peabody.*]

Boston, Novr ye 30th 1779

Dear S^r — I arrived here in Seven days after I left you, as I have been extreamly engaged since I have been in Town & am just seting out for home have only time to beg that you will be so obliging as to take care of all such Letters as may be directed to me at Philadelphia and inclose them back to me at Portsmouth by the first Post and please to take care that no one opens any of them and if any are directed from our State or others to you & myself joyntly please to send me a Copy of all such Letters by the first Post. I find that several Letters are gone on to Philadelphia directed to me pray dont neglect to inclose them back to me at Portsmouth by first Post as I wish to receive them as soon as may be, if a new Continental Agent should be appointed in the State of the Massachusetts Bay which I suppose will be the Case you will not forget Martin Brimmer Esq — who is undoubtedly as good a man for that Place as any on the Continent, please to mention this to our good Friend Mr Gerry to whom please to present my best Regards also to Miss Dally and all the Gentlemen at your House &c &c — please to inform the President that the Letters which he committed to my care are duly deliver'd —

I am most respectfully — Y^r Friend & Hbl^e Servt

W^y Langdon

The Honb^le Nath^el Peabody Esq —

[R. 6–24] [*Relative to the Loss of the Ship Hampden.*]

To the Hon'ble General Assembly of the State of New Hampshire now setting at Exeter —

The Memorial of Adam Babcock of Boston in the State of Massachusetts Bay — Mariner humbly sheweth — That your honors Memor^{t} was very largely Interest'd in the Ship Hambden lately lost in the service of the s^{d} State of New Hampshire, for which he has as yet rec^{d} but a small consideration & by the very low appraisment of the s^{d} Ship at the time she was taken into the public service, the owners of the s^{d} Ship are very great sufferers — and by the depreciation of the Currency since will not by the s^{d} appraisement receive (if now paid) one third part of the value of the s^{d} Ship the materials of which alone would now sell for more than one hundred thousand pounds — in any part of the United States —Your honors Memorialist therefore humbly prays that you would order the same appraisers of the s^{d} Ship Hampden to appraise her at the present value of the money — When payment is made which in all Equity & Justice your Memorialist conceives himself entitled to — as he is bound both by duty and inclination as a Citizen of the United States (whose Independence & happiness may God preserve to the latest Posterity) to bear his full share of the Public Expences in the loss & failure of the unfortunate Expedition in which the s^{d} Ship was Captured —

He prays your Honors that he may not by taking the nominal Sum be thus unjustly overburthened & materially injured in his Estate —

Your honors Memorialist further humbly prays, that as he has uniformly manifested the strongest attachment to the cause of his Country & in the present War with Great Britain has made every exertion within the Compass of his ability to distress the Enemy in many of which he has been unfortunate to the great prejudice of his Fortune — He humbly requests that he may be allowed by your Honors to export two Cargoes of Masts & Spars to the Subjects of the Kingdom of France or Spain in vessels well arm'd & Man'd to defend themselves against the Privateers of the Enemy — Your Memorialist will give sufficient Bonds to land the same within the Dominions of the Allies of the United States the dangers of the Seas & Enemies excepted — and your Memorialist as in Duty bound will ever pray — Adam Babcock

Boston 15th Decem^{r} 1779

[On the 17th of September next prior to the date of the foregoing, the Committee of Safety had directed the receiver-general of this

State to pay Mr. Babcock £19,500 for one half of the ship, as appraised by George Wentworth. — Ed.]

[R. 6–26] [*Relative to Samuel Mitchell.*]

This may Certify that Sergeant Samuel Mitchell of the 16th Massachusetts Regiment is Return'd to the Board of War in Philadelphia as one of the Quota for the State of New hampshire he being an Inhabitant of sd State —

H Jackson Colo
16th Massachusetts Regt

whom it may concern —

[R. 6–26] [*Jonah Moulton and Josiah George.*]

To Capt Gideons Mr Mr Genl in New Hampshire.

Sir / This may certify that Jonah Moulton & Josiah George both of the Late Capt Weares Company 3d New Hampshire Battalion have enlisted for 3 years into the said Company & Battalion & you are desir'd to muster & pay them the State Bounty

yr Most Obedt
Alexdr Scammell Colo

[R. 6–27] [*Meshech Weare to General Poor.*]

State of New Hampshire Exeter Janry 1st 1780.

Sir Inclosed I send you Copies of two votes of the legislature of this State for settling the depreciation of the Currency with the Officers & Soldiers of the New Hampshire Batallions. The doing which this State are desirous to have accomplished as Soon as possible: the Bearer Major Wiggin will Deliver you Twenty Thousand pounds to be used in paying Bounties to Soldiers Enlisting to Serve for the War. —

It is needless for me to Urge your most Strenuous Efforts in Promoting the Reinlistment of the army —

I am Sir Your Very Huml Servt
M Weare Presd

A Copy

[*General Bayley to Lieutenant Ladd. Hibbard Coll., Vol. IV. p.* 98.]

S^r — I should be glad if you will undertake to see the Indians supplied untill I come back or other orders from his Excelency the Commander in Chief Provitions is the only article wanted and would be glad you would Transport thier Provitions from the lower Store as far as the uper Store or my House if they desire it

you will oblige your Humble Servant

Newbury 3rd Jany 1780 Jacob Bayley

Lieu^t James Ladd

[*Colonel Hazen to General Washington. Relative to the Charges against Mr. Tickenor. Hibbard Coll., Vol. IV. p.* 146.]

Sir — As Mr Tichenor has very injudiciously prevented Genl Bayley Col. Bedle & Mr Jonathan Child from attending a hearing on this matter at this time & place, agreeable to your Excellencys orders for that purpose & as Mr Tichenor has accused Gen. Bailey with some part of the Charges of which he himself herein stands impeached, & as he pleads innocent & says he is ready to justify himself in his publick employment in every case wherein he stands accused, either by me or others & as he says ardently urging for an opportunity to justify himself before a Court martial which he likewise says he cannot do unless the Court may be held in the district where these charges arose, & as I wish Mr Tichenor may have a fair trial & be indulged in every reasonable request, I beg to propose that Mr Tichenor may point out the time & place, when, & where, it will be most convenient for him to attend a Court Martial that such a Court may be ordered, and that the same Court may be authorized to examine into the conduct of Genl Bailey, Col. Bedel Mr Jonathan Child, Matthew Lyne, or any other officer upon such charges as may be exhibited against them, & proper notice given, and that in case at such inquiries there should be ground to put the person or persons on their defence before a General Court Martial, then & in that case the same Court which may be ordered to try Mr Tichenor, may at the same time & place try any & all other offenders also: all which is submitted to your Excellencys will & pleasure —

Morristown Feby 8th 1780 Moses Hazen

his Excellency Genl Washington

(Copy)

[*Colonel Hazen's Charges against Isaac Tichenor. Hibbard Coll., Vol. IV. p.* 147.]

Morristown Feby the 8th 1780

Mr Isaac Tichenor, a deputy purchasing commissary, stands impeached and accused of the following neglects of duty crimes or misdemeanors.

First, for not complying with the orders received from proper authority for forming a Magazine of provisions on the upper part of Connecticut River in the latter part of the Year 1778 & in the beginning of 1779 —

Secondly, making frequent & repeated misrepresentations of the ability of that part of the country which was assigned to him as his purchasing district, as an excuse for such neglect or disobedience of orders.

Thirdly, the delivering, or causing to be delivered over to the issuing commissary at charlestown & coos, a quantity of salted Beef, in a state improper to be received by him, & in a condition in which it could not be saved and afterwards neglecting to provide (tho frequently requested) the necessary articles & means to save that specie of provisions, by which the publick have sustained a Loss —

Fourthly, a misapplication of the publick money in not procuring a proportion of the several & different species of provisions necessary to form a magazine of provisions, and in particular neglecting to secure the article of Flour the most essential —

Fifthly, the want of a proper exertion in procuring the allowance of provisions & Rum for the Troops who were serving under Col. Hazen's command: as that detachment were the whole course of the summer on short allowance and frequently without Bread or flour —

Sixthly, not supplying his assistant Mr Child with money to comply with the orders he had received & adequate to the wants to fulfil the bargains & contracts made for the publick by Mr Child, by which the good people of that district have been greatly deceived & injured, to the prejudice of the publick service —

Seventhly, preventing his assistant Mr Child from purchasing Rum for the Troops at & about coos, which was offered at a reasonable rate, and at, or about the same time, selling a quantity of Rum (which had been bought for publick use) at an advanced price the profits of which it is presumed were then intended for his own private emolument —

Eighthly, For changing the district of Mr Jonathan Child his assistant, to the prejudice of the publick service, and neglecting the Publick provisions bought up this season, & now in Charlestown in danger of being lost, all which tend to discover a want of inclination

to serve the publick, judgement or capacity to fill the office of a purchasing commissary: all which Mr Tichenor stands accused by

Copy Moses Hazen Col.

[R. 6–31] [*Copy of a Pass given some Indians.*]

Permit Capt John Vincent one of our friends and three other Indians to Pass to Boston they Behaving as becometh and I desire the Good People on the Road would furnish them with Provitions Necessary on the Road for which I will be accountable if they are Charged for any Jacob Bayley

Newbury, 3d march 1780— oversear of Indian at Coos

The above is a True Copy of General Bayleys Pass to four indians

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[R. 6–33] [*Ebenezer Green's Letter concerning Arnold.*]

Mendam March the 5th 1780—

Sir/ I arrived Yesterday at this place and have Since had Some Conversation with Colo Hazen on Canada affairs — he says that the goods Taken by Genl Arnold at Montreal by force of Arms to the Amount of Near Fifteen Thousand pounds Sterling has not been paid for, that Large Sums of Money is Also Due to the Inhabitants at and About Quebec for Provisions &c Supplied by Genl Arnolds Order at the Blockaid of Quebec, for all which the United States are Responsible and Chargeable with. Now on this State of the Matter which Nearly agrees with my Own Knowedge, And what I Related to you and the Board of War, Will it not be prudent to put of a Settlement with Genl Arnold untill Congress may have some Authentic Information by a Flag or Otherwise from Canada.

Col. Hazen further Adds that the manner in which the Merchants Stores in Montreal were broke Open and the Goods Taken from them will Appear in proof by the Proceedings of a Genl Court Martial on his Trial at Ticonderoga in July 1776, and that he does not believe the Public has ever had Credit for any part of them Whatever — it Therefore Lays with Genl Arnold to shew in What Manner these goods were disposed off — I am Sir

Your most Obedent & humble Servant

Eber Green

[No address on the original. — Ed.]

[*Colonel Hazen to Colonel Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 6.]

Camp Near Morris Town 7th March 1780.

Dear Sir — I have your letter of the 22d Jan'y by Capt Grene the Bearer of this — Inclosed you have a copy of the accusations given in against Mr Tickenor — you will allso see that yourself Bayleys Childs and Lines'es Conduct is to be inquired into I saw the Commander in Chief yesterday on these matters ; he desired me to inform Genl Bayley and yourself that you must come prepared to answer to the expenditure of provisions at Co'os which I dare say you can do without Difficulty — Certain Quantities of Provisions will always be allowed to the Commanding officers at Posts, and if he draws more than he is properly entitled to ; It is in that case a charge against him on the Settlement of accounts by the auditors this I suppose to be the methods followed in such Cases — I have wrote Mr Childs and Bayley fully by this opportunity which as you will of course see them, makes it unnecessary for me to Inlarge on the same subject, a formadable magazene of provisions in the articles of Bread and forage is the only Chance you have of Public Protection — If Bayley Childs and yourself Petition the Court to set at Charlestown I dare say It will be granted to you. I shall attend it myself, you will of Course assist in procuring the Necessary evidence in Tichenors matter — The quantity of wheat and grain that might have been procured last year is a matter that ought to be Particularly attended to — a Certificate from some of the Principal Inhabitants of each Town appears to me to be the best method Certifying what wheat or grain might have been Bought up for public [obliterated] without considering the wants of poor people, as the Public in such cases ought to be the first served — Col : Morey writes me that Mr Simpson refuses to deliver the Deeds of the land I bot of him according to agreement without a security for the wheat in payment. I have Desired Capt Grene to settle it If not I wish you Mr Childs or Bayley one or all would be my security — Let me Recommend a union of your people in a Just Representation of your Country, Numbers, Importance, abilities and exposed Situation to the Neighbouring States and to Congress give them no Rest untill something is undertaken for you in that Quarter — you may get through the present alarm But the Cause will not be further removed the Rod will be hanging over you still, and the Dark Cloud which Lately threatened a storm may at one time or another break with vengance on your Country. I wish my abilities to serve your Quarter were equal to my Inclinations, I would in that case give you Relief —

I am Dear Sir Your very Huml Servant

Moses Hazen

P. S. 35,000 Soles are said to be given to the board of war from Charlestown upwards settled on the grants on the east side the mountains

Colonel Bedel —

[R. 6–35] [*Joshua Wentworth to Joseph Gilman.*]

Portsm° March 30, 1780

Dear Sir. As a good opp^ty presents by Maj^r Bass, we shou'd be glad you wou'd embrace it to send some money down if any has come in to the Treasury wch you may obtain

The Coat is made for the large man as well another of same size, but have not an opp^ty to send them up. — We have no news to communicate, but shall be oblig'd by any you have rec^d of Col° Peabody In the Interim are with regard

Dr Sir y M H^l Servt

Josh. Wentworth & for Mr Pres^t

Your book is almost done, & will send it by Maj^r Bass if it sh^d be finish'd seasonably

[Addressed] Joseph Gilman Esq Exeter

[R. 6–36] [*Clothing Orders.*]

Exeter April 5th 1780

Sir/ will yo be ples^d to Cloth the berour Isaac Carkin as he is Now on his way to Camp

Your H Sev^t Jon^a Cass

Exeter April 8th 1780

Sir/ pleas deliver the bearer Nathl Walton a Suit of Cloaths — Mr Gilman H. Dearborn Lt Col°

Exeter April 20th 1780

Sir/ please to Firnish With What articels you have to Spair the Folowing Soldier theay being Inlisted Soldiers and account For the Same — Viz^t Bezia Beede Josiah Moulton William Evens Thomas Watson Jon^a Cass Lieu^t

Mr Joseph Gilman

[R. 6–37] [*Greenland Petition.*]

State of New Hampshire } To the hon^ble the General Court of s^d State at Exeter —

The Petition of us the subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Greenland in the County of Rockingham & State afores^d humbly sheweth — That a Militia Meeting was duly warned on the 27th of March last duly held at a publick House in s^d Greenland for the Choice of Officers in the eight Company and first Regiment of Militia for s^d County, at which Meeting a great Number of Inhabitants of s^d Greenland were present and they proceeded to the Choice of Officers, but to the Surprize of the Petitioners, People were elected, who had by no Means a Majority of votes on their side tho' there appeared a Majority of Votes. But your petitioners are informed that many of the Voters were hired & can prove that some carried in two or three Votes each — which has made so great and general uneasiness in the Town that the Inhabitants refuse training under s^d Officers, which might be productive of the worst Consequences unless some remedy is provided therefore the Petitioners pray that your honors would grant them a hearing, and if the facts contained prove true that your honors by some Resolve would enable them to call a new Meeting and have another and fairer Choice, and as in Duty bound they will ever pray —

Greenland April ye 14th 1780 —

Thomas Berry	James Whidden	roben Willes
Isaiah Berry	Joseph Haness	Samuel huggins
Francis Berry	Joshua Haines Ju^r	Thomas Berry Jr.
Jeremiah Holmes	Nathanael Nutter	John Rowling
Levi Ayers	Joseph Cate Junr	William Wallees
Phineas Hodgdon	Elise Cate	William Woles Jr
Nackes Meriner	William Jinkins Jur	Richard Tarlton
George Philbrook	Mark Jenkins	Joshua Neall
Robert tuften Philbrook Junr		William Nudd
John Philbrook	Mark Meloon	Job Lock
Samuel Philbrook	John Thompson	John Grant
Josiah Lang	Volentine Dam	William Jenkins
Job Chapman	Nathaniel Grant	Jonathan Sevey
Samuel Nudd	Thomas Johnson	Samuel Dearborn
John Pearson	David Johnson	Joseph Dearborn
Joseph Simes Nutter	Lues Haynes	Thomas Blazo
Simeon Cate	Jotham Johnson	David Simpson
Jacob Haness	Joseph Cate	Thomas Lucy

[It seems that hiring voters is not so modern a practice as some men would have us believe. — Ed.]

[R. 6–38] [*Copy of Letter from Captain Abijah Savage.*]

"The Honorable Committee of Arrangements from Congress.

Gentlemen, In the absence of Col° Sherburne, we would beg leave to represent Col° Henry Sherburne's regiment one of the sixteen. It is composed of three different states, viz. Connecticut, Massachusetts Bay, & Rhode Island. From the smallness of the regiment of both officers and men, we are induced to believe that the regiment will be reduced. The officers and men have heretofore laboured under many disadvantages by being composed of several different states, and not acknowledged by any one state in particular. Therefore have not received any supplies of cloathing and refreshments equal to the troops of the same states that we belong to. That we may be put upon more agreeable posting we would request if the regiment is reduced, the officers and men may be distributed into the line of the several states and receive the privileges that is due to us for our services.

I am, Gentlemen, with due respect,
Your most ob^t hb^l servant,
Abijah Savage, Capt Comd^t
Col° Sherburne's Reg^t

(Signed by the desire of all the officers)
Quarters, near Morristown, Ap^l the 24th 1780."

[R. 6–40] [*Joshua Wentworth to Joseph Gilman.*]

Portsm° April 28, 1780 —

Dear Sir Inclos'd is a bill of supplies to Capt. Ebenez^r Fry — the first Amo^t paid for — the cause of send^g this bill detach^d is from Capt Frys com^g down for his bill from Mr Leigh to settle with the Committee, — you will in case he can settle his apc send the supply from the Office at Exeter with the inclos'd —

If you do not send List of Isues to Officers to-morrow, Mr Foster will be up on Munday to make out a general one to render the Committee

I have no money in the Treasury therefore rest matters 'til we are enabled to move by strength of the state

In the Interim am D Sir Y^{r} Most h^{l} Servt

Josh. Wentworth

Joseph Gilman Esqr at Exeter

[R. 6–42]

Portsm^{o} May 6, 1780 —

Dear Sir Your fav^{r} per G^{l} Nickols came to hand this afternoon — we send by him 2 Deer Skins & two Coats — also Inclos'd is Capt. Hutcheons apc no Cloath for a Surtout to be obtain'd in this Town or Cambrick. — we have not one Jacket nor Cloath to make one, or Cloath to make a Coat. — If any more is to be purchas'd we must go into the Mass^{ts} State, but when money will come to hand for that purpose is uncertain. — by Sherrif who goes up next flood send two hhds of Cloaths as ment^{d} at foot & 10 Coats. —

I have not to add but remain your friend & very h^{l} Servt

Josh. Wentworth

1 hhd N° 57. —	N° 58
140 p^{r} Breaches	301 pr Stockings
260 p^{r} Stockings	264 pr Shoes
	10 Coats

Mr Bass Chest & bedding to go by first Waggon
The price of the Skins are 72/ per s — to the officers
2 Coats per the bearer G^{l} Nickols of largest size

[R. 6–43] [*Joshua Wentworth to Joseph Gilman.*]

Portsm^{o} May 18, 1780 —

Dear Sir. I rec^{d} your fav per Maj^{r} Gains with 21 sheets of money for the War Office amot^{g} to 15960 Dollars. —

I have purchas'd a few yard of Cloth for Jackets w^{h} are making & shall lay out the money sent down soon as opp^{y} offers for Shirt^{g} & Jackets. — if you want Stockings let me know as there are ab^{t} 100 p^{s} in the office

If your Acco^{t} of supplys are out pray send them by return of the Major, as I am affraid the Committee may want them. — If I can be serviceable let me know & will be up immediately. —

I am with regard & Esteem D Sir Y^{r} ready h^{l} Servt

Josh Wentworth

Joseph Gilman Esq Exeter

fav^{d} per Maj. Gains

[*Bayley to Bedel. Hibbard Collection, Vol. IV. p.* 100.]

S^r — as I am now on a Journey to Exeter & I wish you to Receive From Mr Coms^r Lines what Stores Remanes here and Deal out to Maj^r Whitcombs Core Indians &c on their order what is necessary and as soon as Possiable send one or two Party into Canada for Intelligence for which I will be accountable —

I am S^r your most Humbel Servant

May 18th 1780 Jacob Bayley D Q M G

Col^o Bedel

[R. 6–46] [*Wentworth to Gilman.*]

Dr Sir. Inclos'd are the remainder of the Officers acco^ts w^h you will hand to the Committee. — I shall send by Mr Odlin the Buttons you mention by Maj^r Gains, if he can carrie them, or by Sherrife in the Gundola — who will be up Tuseday. —

I am with regard, D. Sir y^r friend & h^l Servt

Portsm^o June 4^h 1780 Josh Wentworth

Joseph Gilman Esq Exeter fav^d ℘ Mr Odlin

[*Colonel Hazen to Colonel Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 8.]

Waltham 12 miles from Boston 6th June 1780.

Dr Sir — I wrote you from Exeter by Col : Morey —

Genl : Bayley Col : Chase and myself have been Eight Days at Boston on hard Labour we have However succeeded so far as to find a Genl Disposition of the People in Power to under Take what we all wish — Genl : Bayley set off yesterday evening to meet the assembly of New Hampshire at Exeter with a letter from the Council of this State to that at Exeter on the subject of, and a Recommendation to secure the grain in your quarter and to Call out the Militia Immediately for your Protection — You must therefore exert yourselves in the former as much Depend on it — I myself am charged with a letter from the Council of Boston to the Commander in Chief, all things will I hope go well and in the way we wish —

Nothing to be depended on from South Carolina Twelve Ships of the line and Eight Thousand Land forces are Hourly expected from france — Genl Washington is appointed Lt Genl in the Service of the

King of France and vice admiral of his fleets the sole Command of Both that are or may serve in America — I will write you by the Return of the man that was to bring my Horses from Co'os to Springfield — I must beg you will give Merril every assistance in the business he under Took at the farm at old ways, as also the more Town [Mooretown, Vt.] Land under Taken by Mr: White — Peaslee was To Take up to Coos the famous Horse known by the Name of Peacock, Two mares and Two colts which he will Deliver you —

I am Dr Sir yours Sincerely

Moses Hazen

P. S. a late Requisition from the Commander in Chief to this State for 4000 men — the legislature have ordered them to be Raised and I am told they are to be paid in hard cash — Paper money will I believe be in better Credit

Colonel Bedle M. H.

[Superscribed] Colonel Bedle at Haverhill Coos pr Col: Chase

[R. 6–47] [*Clothing Orders.*]

Exeter June 7th 1780

Sr/ do be kind anough to Deliver to the bearer Jack Dimond, One pair Lether briches, One pair Overalls One Shirt, he waits On Colo Reed & I have Received a Line From the Colo Desiring Me to See him Firnished with those articels if thay ware to be had — the Soldier is to be accountible For the above articels

your H. servt

Mr J. Gilman One of the Bord War Jona Cass Lieut.

[R. 6–48]

Exeter the 13 of June 1780

Sr/ please to Firnish Jona Edds & Danil Sergent with Such articels of Clothing as theay Shall want — Sayd Edds is a twelve Months Man but what Regiment he will Joyn I know not Danil Segt will Joyn the 3d Battalion & the 5th Company — Let the Soldiers account For what theay have & youl oblidge

your Humbl Sevt

to the Honrible the Bord War Jona Cass Lieut

[R. 6-48] [*Commissary Leigh to Committee on Accounts.*]

Portsmouth June 15th 80 —

Gent Major Titcomb the Bearer is Desirous of Giveing you what Information I am able with Respect to the Loss arising on Brandy — when the Army was orderd from the White Plains to Danbury in Sept 78 — I deliverd Major Titcomb for the Use of 2d Regt three Cask, a Few days after I was at Bedford when I was Informd by Major Titcomb & other Officers that the Preceeding Night a Horse Knawd off the hoops from one of the Cask by which Means the Far Greater part was Lost — which will Account for the Quantity Missing. —

I am very Respectfully —

Gent your most Obedt Servt

Joseph Leigh

To the Committe for Adjustg the Accs for the Hampshs Line

[*Colonel Hazen to Colonel Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 10.]

Private — Camp Near Morristown 15th June 1780

Dear Sir — The Inclosed letter was wrote at Hartford as you will see by the Date — I hope and have some reason to believe that all things will go well and to our wishes — yet I am not without fear having been so often Disappointed in those matters — The securing of the grain and Intelligence from Canada; are most assential Points; to the one and the other let me beg your particular attention — Northern opperations are now on the Carpit, and a very little time must Determine them, which calls for your Immediate exertions in forming the magazenes of flower and obtaining Intelligence from Canada —

In the other letter you will see what I have said with respect to the oxen I wrote it in order that you might show it to Childs: But you may be assured that I have not the least Inclination to Differ with you on such a Triffling occasion as the value of a yoak of oxen — I think However you had better give them up to Merril as on the footing I mentioned in the other letter and then Insist on Childs settling with you — Indeed I know not of any other way it can be done; If they Choose to make Difficulties, as to Taking 750 Dollars now for the oxen; or a Bushel of wheat for Two hard Dollars advanced the last year, I am sure no man in his senses would make

such a settlement. I had rather lose the whole by much; If you can get Childs Receipt for what he owes you whether for the oxen or other articles I should think you would be Indemnified by the Public as I expect to be for what I am in advance for him — at the same time an Honest Reasonable settlement is the shortest method —

Nothing has yet Transpired from Head Quarters with respect to Tickenors trial — the enemies being out in the Jerseys; I suppose has prevented it —

I was in hopes to have been able to have sent you some money by return of the bearer But there is not a single Copper in the army which cannot long be the case — You will see what I have wrote to Mr: White and Merril and I wish you to see that the business at Both them places, are not Neglected -- at more Town I think I had better begin on half a dozen farms which will confirm the Right of Possession — Which is also what I mean by sowing a little of some different kinds of seeds at the three Block houses —

I shall endeavour to get hold of a sum of money soon, you may therefore look out for Purchases; The Tract of Country which you were a mentioning from vermont Title; I will if you Choose it Take a Part of under you — 'tho you had better not be in any hurray about it, as I think something will be settled in Congress soon with respect to those matters — You had better see if you can Purchase some improved farms at Peacham Near Elkinses, if they are cheep and if you can obtain Credit for the most Considerable Part — Should I be able to draw out my money from the Public or should I be able to collect money from a Third person to purchase lands on a Large Scale — How would you agree what Capital would you put in; and what part would you Take, viz the half, a third, or a quarter, or How in proportion to the money you found — If we should take in another Partner money may be had — But if we do anything in this matter Jointly, some little agreement should be entered into; so far as to know the Capitail which may be appropriated to that purpose; and also that all purchases may be made with that Capatail as far as the money will go — Throw your thoughts on Paper on this head & let me know them by the first opportunity — In the mean Time I shall be looking out for ways and means —

I shall Pay Due attention to your last letter — I do not know what can be done about the Receipt of Purchases for Potatoes as it is very Probable those Potatoes were settled once by Childs & Lines, at least it ought to have been done — you must however be paid for your Potatoes & bags — I do not at present understand how it happens that I am to furnish 250 yards Cloath and then sign a receipt for so much received from Tickenor when the bags were for his own use;

but I will look it over and do what is right at the same time Charge Childs with the Cloath, as he must settle it

Yours M. Hazen

[*Colonel Hazen to Colonel Chase. Chase Papers, p.* 171.]

Campt Near Morristown 15th June 1780

Dear Sr I hope & have some reason to beleve that all things will go well and to our wishes yet I am not without my Fears as the Enemy Keep at Charlestown and other circumstances may possibly divert the attention of our Rulers to that which they may think of greater moments — The Marques is warm & the commander in Cheif is steady to the point. Intelligence from ye Northward & ye securing the grain on Connecticut River are important objects the former the old Genl has in charge and the latter Demands the serious attention of every friend to your Country — the french fleet is not expected on this coast untill the latter end of this month the enemy are now in such force in the Jersey as makes it imprudent for the commander in Chief to act on the offensive — pray be active and save all the grain you possibly can, of every kind —

I am Dear Sr yours most sincerely —

Colo Chase Moses Hazen

[R. 6–49] [*Commissary Leigh to Committee on Accounts.*]

June 10th 80 —

Gent. Coll Wentworth Brott me a little Memo to Rectify with Respect to one Mr James Crummett in Bells Compy 2d Regt — have had Recourse to the Original Return as Given me & find it to Stand as ☞ underneath: I Conclude that Jacob Cromwell as it stands, in the Book now lodged with you must be James Crummett for the Following Reasons it stands James Cromel in the Original and there was Evidently a Mistake Committed in his Christian Name by me unless there should be James Cromel & James Crummett in the same Company which the Muster Roles must determine

I am Gent your most hble servt

Joseph Leigh

James Cromel
2 Shirts @ 24/ 1 pair Shoes 8/ 1 Hatt 8/ 1 pr Overalls 18/–4. 2. 0

To The Committee For adjusting the accounts with the army att Exeter

[R. 6–51] [*Concerning James Bailey.*]

Exeter June 20th 1780 —

Sir — please to Firnish James Baley with such articels of Clothing as you have to Spair he accounting For the Same — he will Sarve in the 3d N. Hampshire Regiment —

J. Gilman Esqr Jona Cass Lieut.

[R. 6–51]

[Similar order relative to "William Wintworth 2d Batalion." — Ed.]

[R. 6–52] [*Joseph Gilman to the Board of War.*]

Exeter July 1st 1780

Gentn Inclosed you have a Resolve of the General Court impowering the Treasurer to Borrow Money for the use of the State — The Committee of Safety desire the Board of War to try the Credit of the State with the Merchants in the Massachusetts for such Articles of Clothing as are or may be wanting in the course of the year for our Troops, as you have Correspondents in Newbury Port, Salem, and Boston, I think it would be best to write by the Post to them on the subject — Any persons disposed to Credit the State for such articles as we may want, may have Notes payable in one, two or three years — in Current money, Bills emitted by Resolution of Congress & act of this State, or in Gold or Silver as we may agree —

I have not any thing further to add but that I am with great Esteem — Your most humble Servant

Board of War Portsmouth J. Gilman

[*Colonel Hazen to Colonel Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 11.]

Camp Near Morris Town July 4th 1780

Dr Sir — Not one word from your Quarter since I left that place — I am afraid your Parties have miscarried, whether or not we ought to have heard from you long since on the subject of the grain; which is of great Importance for us to know; every thing is Perfectly right

in this Quarter to the utmost of our wishes — yet nothing can be Determined on untill the arrival of the fleet from france which as is here said; sailed for America on the 22d April — It may at this time of the year have a 13 weeks passage — The Marques is our friend and warm — Gosselin is Dispatched to the Northward and Bayleau to the more Southward parts of Canada for Intelligence

You must Join with Gen[l]: Bayley and fix them of without a moments Delay — Yours

Col: Bedle Moses Hazen

Since I wrote the foregoing I have seen our friend the Marqueses Instructions and am Pursuaded they will not answer to save their necks should they be so unlucky as to fall into the enemys Hands — have therefore advised them to take orders from Gen[l]: Bayley or the Commanding Officer at Coos — Yours

Col: Bedle Moses Hazen

[*Selectmen of Lebanon to Colonel Chase. Chase Papers, p.* 23.]

Lebanon New Hampshire Grants July 7 1780

Sir — as this Town hath been Repeatedly called Together on account of orders Rec[d] from you for men for scouting and other service &c we haveing Collected the Sentiments of the Town with Regard to Raising men to stand Thus: That they acknowledge Subordination to you as a Col: of there own Choice and ever will obey you as such — But at the same time think: To obey you as haveing athoratative Power from the State of Newhampshire is Derogatore To the Birth Rite of Englishmen it being a tax laid on us for men without being Represented &c — Sir we wish for the future you would be Please[d] To send as a Reques[t] To us we shall own the Power we Committed To you we mean not to set up an allter in Defiance To the Public Cause & be pleased Sir To Excuse our simplicity and Except this with our sincere obediance from your Humble Servants

Simeon Peck
Theop Huntington } Select men
Nath[l] Stoors

To Col[l] Jonathan Chase

[*Committee of Congress to President Weare. Peabody Papers, N. H. Historical Society.*]

In Committee of Congres, Preakness
State of Newjersey July 13th 1780 —

Sir — We do ourselves the Hon^r to inclose copy of a letter of this date from the Commander in Chief. — You sir are so fully impressed with the necessity of improving every moment to promote the great object of the present Campaign, it would be needless to aduce any arguments in support of the Sentiments Contained in the Generals letter — Permit us only to observe that in proportion as any State is deficient in the number of men, and Quantum of supplies, for the Army, our prospects of success will be diminished, and should unhappily your State rely that the exertion of other States will be Competent to the business, and the same opinion entertained by others, It is evident that disgrace & ruin must be ye portion of this Country — Persuaded that your feelings will revolt at the mere Idea, we rely, with Confidence that not a moments time will be lost in a perfect Compliance with the requisitions of this Committee as specifyed in former applications for any extra Supplies, or Services —

You Sir will not conclude us too importunate in the repeated reiterations on this important subject, as we Conceive the occasion will Justify us in this address. The Committee are so unhappy as not to have been favoured with the determinations of your State upon their various applications, nor have we had the least assurance of what is to be expected from them, or even the receipt of those applications acknowledged. —

With the most perfect esteem & respect we have the hon^r to be Sir your most obedient and very Hum^l Serv^ts

[The Committee of Congress consisted of General Schuyler, John Matthews, and Nathaniel Peabody. The foregoing is their retained copy, and was among the papers of Mr. Peabody. — Ed.]

[The following is a copy of the letter from General Washington referred to in the foregoing, and is copied from a manuscript record of the committee owned by the New Hampshire Historical Society, p. 222. — Ed.]

Head Quarters July 13th 1780.

Gentlemen — We have received intelligence through different channels from New York, that the Guadaloupe had arrived there

on sunday morning, and brought an account that she had fallen in with a large french fleet consisting of several sail of the line and a number of transports between the capes of Virginia and Delaware. — This intelligence has every appearance of authenticity; and, if true the arrival of the fleet on the coast, may instantly be looked for. — This indeed must be the case at any rate from the time, they are said to have sailed. —

It cannot be too much lamented, that our preparations are still so greatly behind hand. — Not a thousand men that I have heard of have yet joined the army; and in all probability the period for commencing our operations is at hand. I am happy to learn, that a spirit of annimation has diffused itself throughout the states, from which we may expect the happiest consequences. But the exigency is so pressing that we ought to multiply our efforts to give new activity and dispatch to our measures, levying and forwarding the men, providing the supplies of every sort required: forage and transportation demand particular attention.

After what had been preconcerted with the Honb^le^ the Congress, after two months previous notice of the intended succour; if our allies find us unprepared and are obliged to wait several weeks in a state of inaction, it is easy to conceive how unfavorable the impressions it will make of our conduct. — Besides this, the season is exceedingly advanced — a decisive enterprise, if our means are equal to it, will not permit us to lose a moment of the time left for military operations, which, if improved with all the vigor in our power, is less than were to be wished for an undertaking of so arduous and important a nature, so much is at stake — so much to be hoped — so much to be lost — that we shall be inexcusable, if we do not employ all our zeal and all our exertion — With the highest respect and esteem,

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your most obed^t^ & h^l^ Servt

G^o^ Washington

To The Honble Committee of Co-operation.

[*Commissary Bass to Joshua Wentworth. N. H. Historical Society's Miscellaneous Collections, Vol. I. p.* 122.]

West Point 1 July 1780

Dear Sir — I rec^d^ yours of the 15th June, Inclosing one from Mrs Bass, allso one for Capt Pray with a note; Capt Pray being stationed

at Fish kill Landing, about eight miles up the River from this place, have not had an opp° since the arrival of Leavit, to send to him & as he is to sett of in the morning Cannot Possibly gett the not Indorsed so as to send by this opp° but the very furst that offers you may depend on my Care in this matter or any other you may give me the pleasure to Transact for you.

the Disagreeable news of Mendum & Parker being taken, makes me feel very slim — but I am so used to bad Luck that I think never to be Concerned in Navigation again, at least not before next time — Genl Stark has just this moment sett of for N Hampshire I refer you to him for all the news, Likewise to Col° Cilley who goes with him — I shall take it as a particular favour if you would deliver Mrs Bass out of the store Linnen enough to make me three shirts, to be sent in the first Waggons that Come on from our State. I should not ask this favour Could I Possibly doe without — am in greait Haste having my hands Chock full of Business —

I am Dear sir Your Most Humb^l Servt —

Joseph Bass

P. S. please to give my best Regards to your Brother Little Clap &c & deliver the Inclosed —

Joshua Wentworth Esqr

[*Major Bass to Board of War. N. H. Historical Society's Miscellaneous Collections, Vol. I. p.* 125.]

Orengtown 18th August 1780

Gentlemen — I rec^d yours of the 28th ul^t ℘ Leavitt with Six Hhd^s Clothing & two Bever Hats, the Felt Hats & Overalls am sorry you sent, as I have more by me than is wanted & its only Expence & Trouble to lugg them about. I wish you had sent more Hunting Frocks in lue of Overalls, as they are more wanted, the Officers Complain very much for want of Hats, Tea, Coffee and Chocolate — but few of our Soldiers have any Blankets, if its Possible any can be procured, I should be glad — a Soldier does but poorly without one — they have none in the Publick Store, but Shoes in great plenty, I can have what I please — have near twelve Hundred pair by me — You need not send any more — I wrote in my last for an accompt Book, such as Mr Leigh had, its out of my power to procure one here, unless you send one I cannot make up my accounts, allso some writing paper, or I shall not be able to Inform you of the good news

when we have it — the Scales came too late, was Obliged to purchase a pair — not one word of news.

I am Gentlemen your Most Hub[l]: Servant —

Joseph Bass

[Addressed] John Penhallow Esq. President to the Board of War In Portsmouth ℘ Leavitt

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[R. 6–54] [*Commissary Joseph Bass to Board of War.*]

N° 4 West Point 28th July 1780 —

Gentlemen My last was ℘ Leavitt of the 1st Inst. Since that I have Rec[d] one half the Rum & Sugar from Hartford the other I have stored at Danbury by desire of Gen[l]: Poor — In order to have it handy as its Expected the army will move in a few days towards White Plains, the Rum has fell short very much from the furst Gauge the sugar I could not gett weigh'd for want of scales & weights, therefore cannot tell the wants — I have Lately drawn out of the Publick Store 736 Oznaburgs & Coarse Linen Shirts & 578 pair Overalls — if we had as many Hunting Frocks our men would be pritty well cloth'd — we shall want more yarn Hose for the winter — the Officers make great Complaints for want of Hatts. Thread & Cotton Hose, & other Summer ware is much wanted by them — the Clothier General has Informed me that the Continental agent for Purchasing Cloathing in the Massachusetts, has allways sent what he Collected to their States Clothier in the army by which means their Troops have been better Cloathed than ours. this he told me was in Consequence of an Order from their Gen[l] Assembly — I think by the same Rule our Assembly may send to me what M[r] Gardiner Collects, of course I shall be accountable to the Cloathier Gen[l] for what I may receive this way, which can make no odds in M[r] Gardners Settling his accounts with him. — he likewise Informed me the Reason this method was taken — that the State where such Cloathing was Collected — their Troops should have the Preference & the overp us turned in to the Public Store —

I am Gentlemen your most Humb[l] Serv[t]

Joseph Bass

Board of War

[*President Weare to Committee of Congress.*]

[Original in Department of State, Washington, D. C.]

Gentlemen Hampton falls Augt 8th 1780

I am honor'd with the Receipt of your very Obligeing Letters, of the 22^{d} and 25th ult^{o} by Mr Emery. Your Approbation of the Measures taken by this State, merits my most gratefull acknowledgments. It had given me some uneasiness that my Letters had not Reach'd you sooner, as by that Means you were so long uninformed, respecting Matters of so great importance. I shall pay every attention, to Return as Speedy answers to your communications, as is in my Power.

Mr. Emerys appointment, to have the care of forwarding the Supplies &c: is very Agreeable, and will I believe, much facilitate measures and be of service to the public Cause. —

The Horses called for, are I believe all provided, and Ready to go forward immediately: the biggest part of them are ordered to go forward this day. Like wise a Considerable number of Cattle, and quantity of Rum is Ready Provided. True it is we meet with very great difficulty to collect money for to answer these purposes.

So Extravagant were the Bounties Required by the Men for ingaging to go into the Service, without paying of which, we could no way have got our men: and so excessive are the prices of every Article, that it seems as if all the Money in the state, would not be Sufficient. the people say they cannot get it. However we shall exert our selves to the utmost, that if possible we may comply with every Requisition at this important Crisis. —

I have the honor to be with Sentiments of Esteem & Respect
Gentlemen y^{r} Most Ob^{t} Hum^{ble} Ser^{t}

Meshech Weare

Honble Com^{tee} of Congress —

[Addressed] The Hon^{bl} Committee of Congress, at head Quarters Preakness

[Endorsed] N° 33. Letter from Pres^{d} Weare to Com^{tee} at head quarters Aug 8th Recd 28, Aug. 1780 On Publick Service

[R. 6–55] [*Meshech Weare to Dr. Martin Phelps.*]

Exeter Augst 12th 1780

Sir As the Troops stationed at Haverhill (without doubt) will have need of a Surgeon, I must request you to take care of them in that Capacity, for which you shall have a reasonable allowance from this State. I am Your Hum^{bl} Servt

Doct^{r} Phelps M. Weare

[R. 6–56] [*J. Gilman to Joshua Wentworth.*]

Exeter August 15 — 1780 —

Dear Sir Yours by Sheriffe with the Goods mentioned came safe to hand, am much oblig'd to you for writing Mr Wells respecting the Tea — Mr Brooms Letter as well as yours by Capt. Thompson shall be laid before the Committee as soon as they meet which will be Thursday next — from the present situation of our Finances, the constant call for money from every Quarter, particularly for sending on with all expedition the Cattle Horses & Rum purchased in this State, I have little hopes of our being able to make the purchases so necessary for the comfort (I might say preservation) of our brave Troops you mention.

However 'tis our Duty to lay the affair before our Superiors, and you may depend on my doing it — and giving you an answer ℔ first opp^{o} — I have Orders from the Committee to have all our Waggons now here fixed up for the Deputy Q^{r} Master General to Transport the Rum to Camp — which will seasonably be done to depart next week—

Mr Noah Emery who has lately returned from Camp is appointed Assistant Q^{r} M^{r} & Commissary of purchases for this State, but is to look to our Treasury for money — I have nothing new to add —

I am Sir with perfect Esteem Yrs.

J. Gilman

[Addressed to] Col^{o} Joshua Wentworth, Portsmouth Favoured by Col Clapp

[R. 6–57] [*Committee of Safety to Jonathan Child.*]

State of New Hampshire In Committee of Safety Septr 6, 1780

To Maj^{r} Jon^{a} Child Sir Whereas Mr Noah Emery Junr is appointed by the Commissary-General, an assistant Commissary of Purchases for this State, and as he has appointed you to furnish supplies &c You are therefore desired to call on the Constables in the County of Grafton also the Constables in Cornish & Plainfield in the County of Cheshire for a sum of money sufficient from time to time for supplying those Troops which are stationed for the defence of the Western Frontiers of this State, and on your accounting for what money you receive of said Constables the same shall be allowed to them in part of the Public Taxes

In behalf of the Committee M. Weare Presd^{t}

A Copy Attest Joseph Pearson D Secy

[*Colonel Hazen to General Bayley. Hibbard Collection, Vol. II. p.* 137.]

Camp State of New Jersey 13th Sept. 1780

Dear Sir — I have your letters by Colonel Olcutt and Bellangier — I am sorry you sent Bellanger as he was of no use; you must not Indulge those People too much — Colonel Olcutt arrived here in an unlucky time, otherwise I think it was probable our plan would have had the desired effect; He However has been of great service here, and set your Country in its proper point of Light: It may also be of Particular use to Col: Olcutt in Congress: on your State affairs — It is the best plan you ever under Took, and I am convinced some good will result from it one way or other; we are now amused by Intelligence of a french fleet being on the Coast that of course must put a stop to our plan. Something However is I am persuaded in Contemplation for the Northern Country which will I hope work itself out in due Time — you must be steady and do as well as you can —, I shall always assist all in my power — I have wrote Genl Sullivan and others my friends in Congress on your State affairs; I will do you no hurt, if I cannot do good. I have been very busey this some days Past defending myself at a Genl Court Martial; arrested by Baron Stuben for Disobedience of orders and unmilitary conduct I do not think my self a bad hand in making a Retreat in those matters — you will hear of it as soon as I have time and opportunity offers — I do not

yet give up Goslain for lost — If he arrives you will send him here or not as you think best. What do you think of a winters Expedition ? is not the month of Decem^r the best ? the snow is not then deep and hard. Yours most Sincerely

Moses Hazen

Compliments to Mrs Bayley Merril and his family have not Time to answer Merrils Letter by this opportunity

Genl Bayley

[Superscribed] Brigadier Genl Jacob Bayley In Newbury Coos

p^r fav^r
Capt Curtis

[R. 6–58] [*Commissary Bass to Board of War.*]

N° 6 Camp New Jersey 17th Septr 1780 —

Gentlemen My last was ℘ Leavitt of the 18th Ins^t — Since, there has a Difficulty aris'n Concerning the Forage master, the Waggon master, the Commissary of Issues, & the Conductor of Military Stores for the Brigade, in regard to their drawing Cloathing &c out of the Store, the Officers say they have no right to draw, that the State does not know them, & they are not paid by the State, of Course there will be no Depreciation due them, that they are paid by the Forage Master Genl: the Waggon Master Genl: the Commissary Genl: of Issues, & the Conductor Genl: of Military Stores. I did deliver some things to them by Genl: Poors Order, but shall no more untill I know your Determination, the two furst have lately drawn each, a full sute of Cloaths out of the Publick Store & so will the Others as soon as they can be had. I think there is a good dele in what the Officers say on this point, three of them Came from our State, the furst is married & has a Wife in Connecticut, the last belongs to & came from the State of New York. — Should likewise be glad to know if the New levy's thats for six months, are to have the privilege of Drawing out of the Store — Please to lett me know your Determination as soon as Possible for in this Case am at loss how to act — [Three lines almost entirely eaten out by mice] — try for some Writing paper & Books — but could get none that would answer, they had not a single sheet of Paper in the Store — this I now write you on, was Obliged to Borrow — I shall be glad if you would send me a Ledger for the Soldiers &c one like that of M^r

Leigh's, with some Writing Paper, for I cannot gett these Articles here —

I am Gentlemen your Most Hub[l] Serv[t]

Joseph Bass

P. S. — You have doubtless heard of the death of the worthy Gen[l]: Poor, who died the 8th Ins[t] of a putrid nervous Fever, much Lamented — the Army have lost a Brave & good Officer, the Brigade their best friend — he was buried with all the Honours of war, and all the Respect Possible Shown him —

N. B. — more Officers Shoes will be wanted before you can send them — they wear them out very fast, they have a great dele of marching to do — lett the next be Something larger & as strong as possible — the last was most of one size —

Board of War —

[Addressed to] John Penhallow Esq[r] — President to the Board of War — Portsmouth N Hampshire

[Some historical writers have claimed that General Enoch Poor was killed in a duel with a French officer. The postscript to the foregoing letter seems to refute that statement. — Ed.]

[R. 6–59]

[This document is a petition from Lieut. James Taggart, of Peterborough, dated September 17, 1780, asking to have the depreciation of his pay made up to him, which was granted. — Ed.]

[R. 6–60] [*Francis Walls's Order and Certificate.*]

Camp Orrengtown October 2[d] 1780

Gent[l] Please to Pay unto Isaack Blasdel out of my Depreshation Wages the som of teen Pounds Lawful Money it Being for Value Recvd & his Resett Shall Be Your Descharge for the same from your humb[l] Sarvent frances Walls

To the honoub[l] the Counsel and hous of Representatives for the State of N hampshire

I Do Scartify that Frances Walls has sarved as a Drummer in Cap, Foggs Company in the 2[d] Newhampshire Reg[t] three years 1777 – 1778 & 1779 Camp Orrengtown Oct[r] 2[d] 1780

Joshua Merrow Lieu[t]

[R. 6–61]

[This document is a petition from Doctor William Parker, surgeon of the Second New Hampshire Battalion, for an allowance for depreciation of his pay, which was granted October 21, 1780. — Ed.]

[*Colonel Hazen to Colonel Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 12.]

Camp West point 12th Octr 1780

Dear Sir — I wrote you a few lines by express a few days since to which I refer. This I forward by Colonel Peter Olcut, to whom I refer for all the News. Nothing it seems can be undertaken to the Northward Immediately alltho it is the wish of every one — Colonel Olcutt will Communicate to you; your Civil Political Cituation which really require some fix plan steadily persued — He has Communicated his thoughts to me on the matter which at present appears advisable. If the People on the River will Join and Hang together they may carry almost any Point: that or the Division Line on the River which will Through ——ny Considerable share of Legislation as well ——— with the original Intentions of Nature ——— Mr Olcutt is of the opinion must take place.

I think it is a matter that requires the serious attention of Thinking people in your Quarter — I am in haste Dear Sir

Yours most Sincerely

Moses Hazen

I do not see as I shall be able to find you any money until I go to Philadelphia myself which I intend by the latter end of the month — let me hear from you by every opportunity — M: H:

Col: Bedle

[*Colonel Hazen to Colonel Bedel. Hibbard Coll., Vol. II. p.* 137.]

Camp State of New Jersey 13th Oct 1780

Dear Sir — I have your letter of the 4th Current and observe the Contents — I am surprised that you have not received any goods from Mr: Peaslee as he wrote me I think in the month of July that he had quantity of Salt and other articles on the way for you. the other part of your letter I can not answer by this opportunity for the want of time — I have introduced Col: Olcutt to the Commander in Chief

he is pleased with the offer made by the People in your Quarter he has now a full power to employ the armies of the united States as he may Judge fit — The late Disaster to the Southward, and still by some late circumstances in favour of a french fleet upon our Coast will prevent, I am afraid any thing being done your way this Sumer as the Season is almost advanced to far. It is possible a winters Campaign may be under Taken in case Circumstances should favour it —

I wish to know your opinion of the best Season, the month of December strikes me as the snow is then light and easy to beat down — I will write you more fully by next opportunity and hope I shall be able to send you some Cash soon —

Yours most Sincerely

Moses Hazen Col :

P. S. I have been in arrest some days past for disobedience of orders and unmilitary conduct in halting Gen[l] Poors Brigade in a line of march a few minutes for water — I am a good hand in making a Retreat shall not suffer death by the Censure of the Gen[l] Court Martial this time I believe — Yours

Colonel Timothy Bedle at Haverhill Coos M. Hazen

p[r] fav[r] Cap[t] Curtis

[*Colonel Hazen to Colonel Bedel. Hibbard Coll., Vol. II. p.* 138.]

Camp West Point 15th Oct[r] 1780

Dear Sir — I have your letter of the 5th Instant by Cap[t] Aldridge. I wrote you a line a few days since by Colonel Olcutt — I had but little to fear from the Centance of the Court martial on my trial. I was acquited with Hon[r] of all the Charges, and in other Instances gained a most Compleat victory — I managed the matter in such a manner as not only to acquit my self of the Charges, but in the course of the Trial to Impeach my accuser of all the Charges on which I was Tried, and after the Publication of the Centence brought him the Baron to a Court of Hon[r] to ask pardon &c. &c. &c : on the whole I have not lost but gained Hon[r] by the Trial — You must not think hard that I do not send you money. Inclination I assure you is not wanting, not a farthing of Ten Thousand Hard Dollars either Principal or Interest can I obtain from Congress — not a sixpence of pay for the army since Decem[r] last. these are Disappointments which I did not expect when I saw you last — I shall go to Philadel-

phia my self on the latter end of this or beginning of next month and am Confident I shall fall on some way or other to send you some money — In the mean time I have wrote to Lenord Jarvis Merchant in Boston to Credit you with a sum equal to four hundred dollars hard cash If he has it in his power; or if he has anything that will suit you — I am sorry for the Disappointment through Mr Peaslee; It will not happen again by a Dependance from me on him — had I not relied on him I should have sent the goods from Boston — If you can fall on a method to settle with him for what he has supplied shall be glad — I will some way or other remit it to you soon — I wish you would settle with Mr Childs about the oxen the other matters may lay over if there should be any difficulty in settling them — I mentioned to you once before in some of my letters that I thought you had best to recall the settlement you made with Mr Childs. I am still of that opinion being Persuaded that all the Depreciation of that money will be made up to you —

This I mention to yourself only — Capt Aldridge will relate to you all the News in this Quarter. I hope the Incursion of the enemy to the Northward will finally opperate in favour of America and to the Particular advantage of the good people in your Quarter — I beg you will settle if possible with Childs that matter of the oxen — In an other letter which you may shew him I have sent the papers you required and must now request that you will Inclose me by the first safe opportunity my account current Drawn out by your self as it is not necessary at present that others should be let into our private affairs — Contrary to our first resolution — In haste I must Conclude Dear Sir

Your very Huml Servant

Moses Hazen

Col: Bedle

If Col: Olcutts Plan should Take place you will find Difficulty in geting your money from the State of New Hampshire for your advances you had better look out for a Security in time — Perhaps you may settle Peaslees account and give him an order for the Ballance on that State or otherwise —

[*Colonel Hazen to Colonel Bedel. Bedel Papers, p.* 12.]

Camp West point 16th Octr: 1780

Dear Sir — Inclosed is the Certificate you mentioned to me some time since, which altho Irregular; yet I hope they will answer your purpose — Mr Lines or Mr Torrey ought to have given Mr Childs those Receipts; But as that was omitted through the Neglect of

somebody not me, I now stand Responsible for the whole, as I am obliged to Indemnify Robertson before he would sign the Receipt and to have signed them myself would have been Interfering with the Duty of the Issuing Comm'y or otherwise what would have been worse left it in the Power of those who may hereafter examine those accounts to suppose those articles were for my own private use — let me Recommend to you and all others in future to keep your accounts clear and settle often — I am amased to find that Mr Childs should make any difficulty in settling the account I left with you for that purpose; If he has not the money to take up his orders and receipts no reason why he should not settle for the oxen in some way or other so that the matter may be Clear, for if he does not I shall take the oxen from you be the Consequence what it will — I beg you will on receipt of this apply again to him have the matter settled or let me know the reasons; nothing short of the oxen or the full value will I accept — Inded it is the oxen I must have at all events, having bought and paid for them sixteen months past I think I have a right to them now —

I dare say that the people of Co'os are surprised that the trial of Mr Tickenor has not yet been made Public. I am told by the Genls: Secretary that it is owing to those papers being sent away on the alarm in the Spring which they have not had opportunity to recover since but that they will now soon be at hand when the proceedings will be Published — I must refer you to the bearer Capt Aldridge for all the News — Your Humbl Servt

Moses Hazen

P. S. Gates is Recalled Greene succeeds him and Genl: Heath Comads at the West M: H:

Col: Bedle

[R. 6–63]

[This document is a petition from Captain James Gray, of Epsom, for an allowance for the depreciation of his wages, dated October, 1780. — Ed.]

[R. 6–64]

[This document is a letter from Joshua Young, dated Haverhill, November 1, 1780, concerning his duties as issuing commissary to the troops on the western frontier. — Ed.]

[R. 6–65] [*Concerning Peter Barter.*]

Fort Washington November 21, 1780.

this may Serteyfi that Peatèr Barter a Solger in Coll° Hails Rigmend Joined the matross company hear ye twentey seventh of July 1779 and then Drawed wagers till ye Last Day of Desembr 1779 then Lift the company till ye 4 of July 1780 then Enterd in Pay again

pr Ebenzr Dearing Captn

[R. 6–65] [*Soldiers Discharged for want of Clothing.*]

Ira Beckwith — new Levy Soldier in the 2nd N Hamps^r Reg^t being rendered unfit for duty for want of Clothes is hereby Disch^d the Service — Issuing Com^ys between this and new Hamp^r will Issue Provisions to him up to the 23rd Instant he giving propper Certificates when he last draw'd — Given under my hand in Camp this 13th day of Decemb^r 1780 —

Geo. Reid Lt Col° Comd^t 2nd N. H. Regim^t

To whom it Concerns Civil & Military

[R. 6–65 to 69]

[Others were discharged about the same time and for the same reason. The following is an abstract of their names, date of discharge, and by whom the discharge is signed :

Joseph Kent	December	5,	1780	Col. Geo. Reid
Peter Blaisdell	"	13,	"	" "
Nathan Dodge	"	4,	"	Maj. Jason Wait
Josiah McGoon	"	4,	"	" "
Jacob Adams	"	7,	"	Col. Geo. Reid
Joseph Parsons	"	5,	"	" "
Dole Parsons	"	7,	"	" "
William Moore	"	13,	"	" "
Benjamin Cross	"	4,	"	Maj. Jason Wait

The following named men were also discharged by Major Wait, at "Camp Soldiers Fortune, Dec. 6, 1780" : Luke Libbey, John Lovering, John Rollings, and, on December 4, William Roberson.

Col. Joseph Cilley discharged the following at the same place: December 4, Nathan Carpenter, Samuel Davis ; December 6, Nathan

Hall, Asa Heath, Job Chadwick, Charles Geer; December 13, Thomas Woodman. Colonel Cilley commanded the First New Hampshire Battalion, Colonel Reid the Second, and Major Wait the Third. — Ed.]

[*Copy of Bedel to Hazen. Bedel Papers, p.* 13.]

Haverhill Decr 4th 1780

Sir — I Recev^{d} yours by Capt Aldrich in which you Desired me to state the accompt between us and send them the first oppertunity I had

I am not abel to do it the Leather is now out of the Salts but Mr Forster would not Take the Leather without a Survey and the Surveyor threw by about one Hundred aud fifty sides of soleather and I offered them to Mr Forster at half price and he would not take them at that lay and I shall not let them go under and shall get them worked up if I Cant get that price for them the upper Leather we agreed about without a survey we find a mistake in the Number of Hides between forty and fifty and about fifteen or twenty Delivered to the Indians by Genl Bayleys order and I dont find he is like to get any money to settle [for] them But I have delivered to Mr Forster about Three Hundred & Fifty pounds worth of Leather and the yard He was to give one Hundred pounds for Now I owe him fifty pounds toward the first payment and in april Five Hundred Dollars more in silver if you can pay the money so that Mr Forster can be settled with to His Satisfaction I am Easey if not I must sell the Farm again for I dont see that I shall ever get any money for what is due to me from the public if I could I should have money to answer my purposes But this year is in Truth wors than the last I have delivered in to Store not less than Ten Tuns of Flour and Twenty Five Head of Fatt Kattel and about Two Hundred Bushels peas and Three Hundred gallons of Rum and have not received one shilling as yet But have Taken Maj^{r} Childs Note for the same I desire to let the Soldery have any thing I have till the return of Genl Bayley and then if I dont have some money for what I have don I desire to carry every bushel of my Grain of out of this place and my Children and Leave it to itself I have don more than every body in this Cuntery [meaning the Coos country, probably] But I should not have don so much by my own Judgment But on your Judgment I trusted and I have not so much money as would By a Drink of Grog But now I will leve the affair yet with you what is best to be done and

shall endeavor to act for the best if I knew what it was — You mentioned in your Letter you should be glad I would settel with Mr Peaslee if I stop putting anything in to the store I could settel very well with him — I have Receivd of Him at the pond which I gott Capt Leavitt to Draw of about one Hundred and Eighty gallons of Bad french Rum Twenty Two Bushels Salt the salt is good — Mr White has had Seventy five Gallons of the Rum & Nine bushels of the Salt Mr Merrill has had Forty Two gallons of the Rum the Remainder of the Rum and one yoak of your oxen I let Majr Childs have in the Larrom hear for the use of the Troops — Mr Peaslee has never sent me any bill of any thing nor any of your Horses But has been hear for more He says you promised to send som to me for him — I should be glad to know what your agreement was with Mr Peaslee a Bout the Rum and Salt your Letter says (Mr Peaslee is to Deliver to you at Coos three Hundred gallons of good Rum and Fifty Bushels of the best Rock Salt in June) if so very well let them Risk it Capt Everett tells me som of the Terses wanted elevin Inches of being full and he would not stur them till I went and Bought Casks and drawd them of and I would not give him a Receipt for more than I Received so the affair stands now — Sir I dont mean to Trobel you with smal affairs always but must in Justice to my self Trobel you once more with those Receipts Majr Childs orders was to deliver every thing to the Commissary of Issues or their Commanding officer if you will sign the Receipts well if not you may Destroy them for the Majr will not do any thing about the affair without your Receipt or the Commissarys So I thought best to send them Back if Robirson has any Receipts for Baggs of any of the Inhabitance send them to me I have heard he had — I have not been able to settel any thing with Majr Child as yet — [There are three lines more which are so faded that I cannot decipher them. — Ed.]

Timo Bedel

[R. 6–70 to 73]

[Return, or statement of the "Prices of Indian Corn Grass fed Beef and Sole Leather through the County of Rockingham for the year 1780," made by John Calfe, who was appointed by the General Assembly for that purpose. By this statement corn was $15 per bushel in January, and $45 in December, continental currency. Next follows a return from Hillsborough county, by Jacob Abbott, of Wilton; a return from Strafford county, by John Burnam Hanson; and one from Grafton, by Charles Johnstone. — Ed.]

[LETTERS TO AND FROM HON. NATHANIEL PEABODY, 1780.

The originals of the following letters, and some that are hereinbefore printed, were found about four years ago in a junk store, and were obtained from the finder by the State. It will be seen that only a portion of the correspondence has been saved, but as much of this is valuable, it has been deemed best to insert it in this volume.

Mr. Peabody was at this time a member of Congress from this State, having been elected to that position March 25, 1779.

In the spring of 1780, the affairs of the States were in a critical condition, the troops not more than half fed and clothed, and no money in the treasury. Congress resolved to elect a committee of its members to proceed to the headquarters of the army, then at Morristown, consult with General Washington and other officers, and plan and execute any schemes they might deem feasible to reduce expenses, provide means for the sustenance of the army, and generally promote its efficiency. This committee was elected by ballot April 13, 1780, and consisted of Philip Schuyler, of New York, John Mathews, of South Carolina, and Nathaniel Peabody, of New Hampshire. The record of their proceedings in manuscript, comprising their correspondence, tables of apportionment of materials required from the several States to prosecute the war, etc., is in the possession of the New Hampshire Historical Society. It is a folio volume of 354 pages, and in fine condition. This committee made a final report to Congress November 1, 1780. An extended sketch of Mr. Peabody may be found in Farmer & Moore's Collections, Vol. III. He died at his home in Atkinson, N. H., June 27, 1823. — Ed.]

[R. 6–76] [*E. Thompson to N. Peabody.*]

Exeter March 2d 1780

Dear Sir. Last week I had the pleasure of receiving yours of the 16th of December last. I feel myself very much obliged to you for your kindness in forwarding the Blanks you mention, which I received,

they were left at Exeter in my absence and as there was no line or note accompanying them (that I rec^{d}) I did not know by what conveyance they came — I must acknowledge I stand in need of your Candour to excuse my long silence, but hope the knowledge you have of my Constant hurry, & attendance on the public Business will (at least) palliate the negligence. The General Court is now setting here and very Busy in making a new proportion among the several Towns for a Rule in paying Taxes, and indeed the payment of large Taxes (at least) nominally so becomes more and more necessary every day, the depreciation of the paper Bills is not less than Sixty for one in the year 1775 in this State.

All the Taxes Called for the year past Continental and State will be insufficient to Cloath recruits, & pay but a small advance for depreciation of wages to our Continental Batallions.

A Committee of officers from our Batallions, with a Committee of the G Court have agreed on a Rule to settle the depreciation up to the first of January last, which appears to be Satisfactory to the army and the recruiting Business has gone on pretty well lately. The Deep Snows we have had for Two Months past has so far hindered Travelling that most of the news we have, is Manufactured among ourselves, however we are pretty well Supplied from day to day as by the time the falsity of one story is known there comes out a new one to supply its place.

Please to present my Compliments to Genl Folsom & Mr Livermore and accept the same yourself from

your most Humble Servt

Ebenezer Thompson —

Col^{o} Peabody —

[Colonel Nathaniel Peabody was at this time a member of the Continental Congress. — Ed.]

[R. 6–77]

Copy of a Letter from Folsom & Peabody to President Weare, 1780

Philad^{a} March 4th 1780

We have the Hon^{r} to Transmit you some extracts from ye Communications lately made by the minister of France respecting the disposition, & probable intentions, of the several Powers in Europe, whereby it will appear indispensibly necessary for the States to Exert every political nerve in preparing for a most vigorous Cam-

paign the ensuing year, as well to Cooperate with our allies if necessary in offensive measures, as for the security and defense of these States — We have no other recent intelligence from Europe worth Communicating — Our finances tho' much deranged, are rather upon the recovery —

we most heartily regret the necessity of asking such extraordinary aid & efforts from our fellow Citizens as Congress have by their late resolves, with great reluctance been obliged to do —

The Spirited and Patriotic exertions of the State upon former occasions incourages us to hope they will not reject the proposed measures — every one here has a Psalm, & Doctrine upon finance and whenever any important Conclusions Can with Certainty be Drawn shall do ourselves the Hon^r of Transmitting the Earliest intelligence

We have the Hon^r to be Sir
your most obed^t oblig^d and very Hum^l Servts

N. Folsom
President Weare N. Peabody

[R. 6–78] [*Isaac Foster to Mr. Peabody.*]

Boston March 11, 1780

Dear Sir — I thought when I was at Philadilphia that two hundred thousand Dollars would be full little enough to compleat the purchases necessary for my Department the ensuing Campaign, and to pay the officers their salaries and subsistance, altho at that time I did not know how large the Demands from the officers properly authorized to Demand would be. I have since received from Doctor McKnight Surgeon General of the middle Department and presiding at Fish Kill, a return of what is wanted at that Post, of which I inclose you a Copy, the articles for that Post, and for the Hospitals at Providence and Newport are mostly purchased but not all paid for, for want of money, those for Providence and Newport are sent on, those for Fish Kill will be forwarded as soon as the roads are passable, most of the officers of my Department are paid up to December 1, 1779, which has not only exhausted the money I received but obliged me to run in Debt, the Hospitals at Danbury and the flying Hospital are as yet not provided for, as I have not received from Doctor Turner Surgeon General of the Hospital, and from Doctor Burnett Physician and Surgeon General of the Army, returns of what will be wanted to answer their Demands, to discharge the officers growing pay and Subsistance, and to pay for twelve regimental

medicine Chests now just ready to be delivered to the Army, will require at least two hundred thousand Dollars more, besides which I am pressed by the Assistant Commissaries at the different Hospitals for money, to answer Contingent Expences, I should have urged for more money when I was last at Philadelphia, but as Congress was about stopping the Emissions, I choose rather to submit to some inconvenience than to embarrass them in so good a design, it is with great reluctance that I apply so frequently to Congress for money, but I cannot discharge my duty without it, and if the supplies are not furnished as called for, there are people enough ready to complain of me. I shall esteem it a Favour if you will communicate this letter to the medical Committee, and grant me your assistance in procuring the necessary supplies, of which, should Congress grant them, I should be glad to receive by the Bearer twenty thousand Dollars at Philadelphia, to be left with John Berrien Esq Commissary of Hospitals for this Department, and a warrant in my Favour for the remainder on the loan office here which I believe will be readily answered. the very pressing calls, and the Danger of the service suffering, oblige me to send Mr Adams express upon this Business, and I doubt not you will give him every assistance in your Power. it is needless to urge his being dispatched as soon as possible, as you are no stranger to the expence of living at Philadelphia, please to present my Compliments to Mr Lovel, Mr Geary and the other Gentlemen of the House, not forgetting the ladies, and believe me to be with the sincerest respect and esteem

your obedient and most humble serv^t^

Isaac Foster D D G E D

Honb^l^ Nathaniel Peabody Esq

P. S. I have wrote Doctor Holton on the same subject, lest one of you should be absent, the Service must suffer if I am not supplied immediately —

[Endorsed] Letter from Dr Foster Rec^d^ M^h^ 26 — 80 p^r^ Express —

[R. 6–79]

Copy of Letters Sent to President Weare, Col. Langdon and Col. Bartlett — Communication respecting Temple.

Friday 3 C^k^ P. M. 17th march 1780 Philad^a^

Sir — I have only time to observe that Congress this moment received the following information, and may probably be depended

on viz. Mr Temple is comming out with the following propositions to congress G. B. to acknowledge the Independence of all the States excepting So Carolina & Georgia, and that part of Massachusetts Bay called the province of Maine this together with So Carolina & Georgia to be given to G. Britain — Mr Temple to be allowed to draw for what sums of money he pleases — The following propositions were offered by the British King & rejected by Mr Temple viz. the united States to join their arms with G. Britain agt Spain if this can't be obtained the said States not to assist Spain against Britain. if this should be rejected then to make the best terms on this head he can —

This intelligence comes from Holland to a Gentleman of high rank in this city by a letter dated 29 Decr — The post waiting

I am Sr

Copy N. P.

Wrote Letters much of the same Tenor & Date to Col. Bartlett & to Speaker Langdon

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[R. 6–83] [*Samuel Livermore to Nathaniel Peabody.*]

Dear Sir — I this moment recd yours of the 9th instant inclosing the Act. I deld your letter for Mrs Peabody to Capt Gile. The Genl Court is adjourned to the 7th June. Our Supr Court sets the 16th May at Portsmo The sum you mention shall be conveyed to Mrs Peabody as soon as possible. I arrived in Exeter in 13 days without any material accident. I found the Genl Court sitting & have attended to this time. I saw your family & deld your letters they are well. Consideration of sending a delegate is put off till June. In my opinion it would be well for you to meet us here when the Genl Court sits in June.

In Greatest haste your most obedt Servant

Exeter Apr 29, 1780. Sam Livermore.

Hon Col. Peabody —

As money is going to the Devil here I must think of paying you for the mare on your return sell the horse if you please or do as you please with him. My love to all the family male & female

Note. Partridge overtook us at Morristown where we had waited a day but he soon fell behind. His horse entered a protest against hard riding —

[Superscribed] To The Honble Nathl Peabody Esq Member of Congress now at Morris Town [The word Philadelphia is crossed] Rec^d May 18th J. L.

[Impression of his seal in wax on the letter is in good condition. — Ed.]

[R. 6–84] [*J. Lovell to Mr. Peabody.*]

May 16, 1780

Dear Sir — I send what you wrote for to Mrs Clarke to whom I shall pay 20 Doll^rs on y^r account.

I need not say any Thing of foreign News as you have had the Marq^s de Fayette with you.

Every Thing looks well from *abroad;* but, Good Lord! how is it at Home? I shall miss the post if I do not close —

y^r dear Sir

J. Lovell

[R. 6–85] [*Mr. Gerry to Mr. Peabody.*]

Philadelphia 16th May 1780

My Dear Sir — I shall use every Measure that is proper, for obtaining ye Payment of your Warrant, & would have you give yourself no Concern about any Inconveniences on my Side, whether it is paid or not. I very luckily met with an opportunity of selling a Draught for ye greatest part of ye Money required to discharge my Congressional Bills, & would have drawn for ye Money wanted by yourself, had it been possible to make sale of another Draught. I shall send Mr Shelden to ye several Boards, quarter Masters, Commissarys &c &c for a Conveyance of your Chest to Camp, but know not of any advantage you can derive from ye Horse at Hiltzhiemen, as there is no Baggage here, belonging to yourself, excepting what is contained in your Chest & Boxes. I inclose you ye latest Papers, and remain with esteem yours sincerely [Signature torn off.]

P. S. Should you write a line to Congress as before hinted for ye payment of your Warrant, & inclose to me ye Letter, I can deliver it or not, as occasion may require — I propose to leave ye City next week —

Hon^a Mr Peabody

[Endorsed] from Mr Gerry May 1780

[R. 6–86] [*Mr. Lovell to Mr. Peabody.*]

May 19, 1780

Dear Sir — Yrs of 16th I recd 17th by Mr Mathews The picture in it is indeed a black one; and very singularly unwelcome at this Time as we appear from it to be in danger of losing a most glorious opportunity to cooperate with the aids sent by our good ally. There is a sadly obstinate Contest against every extra power to be given to any Committee or Individual for the purpose of essential Dispatch. Something however is now in Train which doubtless you will know more accurately from Mr Mathews. You can have no Idea to what mean Distress I am reduced for want of money. I cannot get a Dollar from the Treasury or sell a Bill upon Sight. I have many Chagrins in the domestic way which are fit only for a Tête a Tête — I suspect that *Magdalen* has not had a line from "the most honest Man that ever was in a Camp." I hope you have never touched upon the Topic of "*pretended* addresses." Yrs

J. L.

[Endorsed] from Mr Lovell may – 1780

[Impression on seal is a ship under sail. — Ed.]

[R. 6–87] [*Mr. Lovell to Mr. Peabody.*]

May 30th 1780 —

Dear Sir — you will, eer this reaches you, have had many Reports of grand Doings in our favor at Charlestown but nothing absolute is here known except that Fort Moultrie is in the Hands of the Enemy. We do not venture to assert that there has been a second assault upon the Lines. Col. White & Col. Washington have escaped after being "surprized" * by the Enemy. They swam their Horses over Santee River the deepest & most rapid thereabout — I pity poor Lincoln; but really I do not yet give up Charlestown.

We must reserve for more laughable Times several matters which have turned up *near Home.* — Broadhunt [?] is returned, and is going to live in Baltimore. Tr———n will not see a Body on the opposite side of a narrow Street — But I cease — I am running into Tête a Tête Subjects. —

* The Letter writer should have said *overtaken* as they were returning with prisoners and had actually embarked them.

I have p^d Shield. But I have got not a Line from M^r H —— nor one Half Joe from Boston Y^rs affectionately

J. L.

[Superscribed] Honble Nathaniel Peabody Esqr Member of Congress now at Head Quarters Morris Town

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[R. 6-89] [*Mr. Lovell to Mr. Peabody.*]

June 15th 1780

Dear Sir — I was two days ago much obliged by the Receipt of your Favor of the 10th — Congress has this day by a circular Letter sanctified the measures you had adopted in Com^tee I own I think the Call upon Mass. very heavy but the Crisis of Things seems to point it out as indespensible. The paper which I send in print is as good for your information as if it had Thompsons sanction. Col. Terrant [?] arrived yesterday and Genl Lincoln may be hourly expected — If no misfortune takes suddenly place upon our army at Morris Town, we shall do very well, upon Supposition that the other States rouse as much as this appears to have done. Genl Gates is ordered to the Southward. I wish I knew what were Genl Washingtons Intentions in regard to him — I know a letter was sent on from Head Quarters about 10 Days ago but whether it was only a Letter of Intelligence from the Gen. or an order I cannot guess. — My Son will deliver this and repay what you was so very kind and *fatherly* as to furnish him with in his late Embarrassment on his way hither. He is prodigiously grown since I left him at home. He is quite young in his manners — a Colt without Education — a sample of the Injury wch arives to my Family from my long absence. I regret more than ever that I cannot return: but our affairs are now such that I should feel as if I was sneaking away from the Burthen of them, if I paid such attention just at this time to my private concerns bad very bad as they are described to be: I will first see public matters mended. We live here not quite so pleasingly as when you was an eye witness and could praise our Situation, in a confidential midnight Tête a Tête. We are of six Sorts. — No Returns of men or Provisions at the different periods of the seige of Charlestown are come to Hand, so that you can have nothing new beyond what Rivington has given.

The Enemy are at Liberty to put down great Numbers for the Garrison because all the Citizens are rated like militia in the Spirit of the Capitulation but Col. Ternant says that there were not above 900

(nine hundred) armed militia and about 2000 called Continentals — They had been 3 days without meat and had but little store of Rice. They were treated with all the Ceremonies due to the troops of an Independent Nation, in the arrangements consequent upon Gen. Lincoln's last printed letter in which he desires that persons might be appointed for such purposes and which was granted though Rivington does not give the Result.

Mr Laurens is not yet gone from North Carolina. I believe we shall empower Mr Adams or Mr Dana to take up the Business till Mr Laurens shall be on the spot to execute his Commission.

I cannot scrawl on without neglecting Wife &c &c —

Your affectionate

[Endorsed] from Mr Lovell June 15 – 1780 J. L.

[R. 6–91] [*President Weare to Mr. Peabody*]

Hampton falls July 2d 1780

Dear Sir — I have just Received your favor of the 24th of June giving me an account of the situation of our Army, and of the action on the 23d for which I am much Obliged to you; It is long since I received any letter from you except as one of the Comtee However I can excuse it knowing how much you must be engaged in matters of the greatest importance:

But I could wish that you would even borrow part of a sleeping hour to let me know by every Opportunity the situation of our Army and Military Operations at this Critical Moment, about which I am very anxious, and nothing can be depended on by common information; shall therefore be greatly Obliged to you to give me as frequent information as you can how matters go on. I have not time to write any thing of private affairs, and indeed our public affairs seem at present to demand the whole attention of every one. I can only add that I am with much Esteem and Respect

Yr Obt Humle Sert

Col — Peabody M. Weare

[Endorsed] from Col Weare with the answer July 1780 — Recd 22d 1780 answered 25th by Mr Emery

[R. 6–93] [*Mr. Lovell to Mr. Peabody.*]

Sunday 22d July, 80

Dear Sir — I called again the 30th time upon yr Syringe-maker and he told me that he had "quite forgot all about it"; without even renewing his old Lye, that he would set to work upon the next day. I blessed his Impudence, and thus have dropped the affair. The Bearer you doubtless know — Doctr Cochran — a Thought struck me from seing his Behavior to the *Family of Bethlehem*, particularly to the *Virgin*, that he is quite capable of giving anecdotes that may be depended on.

There are easy moments in which you may put Questions founded in a *Pride of your own Judgment* and without any Expectation of *ever having again* any thing to do with them — I wish to know all I can, *before I quit:* an agreeable plan is formed, an House only is wanting; when that is obtained we shall move. In the mean Time — Face is the Parole of our party. My newly arrived Colleagues are out of all patience with the Situation in which they find matters in their Lodgings — I find there is still a serious thought of Majr W–lk–r, tho' I believe he has not wrote a Line since he left the odd Fancy here.

I take for granted that you know at Head Quarters all that is *communicated* here. The Report of this Day is that the English Ships have sailed from New York. If so, I should think that cowardly Villains of magnitude, in that City, would be now trying to purchase their peace of us by giving our General the fullest Information of all Things going on there — I shall be particular in keeping any anecdotes you may send about P. D. to myself. I think considering your unfixed state you had best *burn* this and all like it.

your Friend & humble Servt

Honble Nathaniel Peabody J. L.

[Endorsed] from Mr Lovell, Recd 28 — answd 29

[R. 6–94] [*Copy of Letter. Mr. Peabody to President Weare.*]

Camp Preakness July 25th 1780

Sir — The 22d instt I was hon'd by your very obliging favour of the 2d acknowledging the Rect of my letters of the 24th ulto — you observe that it had been long since you had had one from me before, but make a generous excuse for me, yourself. You will give me leave to assure you sir nothing except being personally with a friend could

equal the satisfaction I feel upon receiving letters from my friends when at a distance and consequently am proportionaly in addressing them, and tho I have been obliged from utter necessity to neglect addressing my friends when my inclination urged to the performance, yet I have wrote a number of letters to them upon various occasions, some of which were upon very interesting subjects — and which from ye Rec^t^ thereof not having been acknowledged, & other Circumstances, renders it more than probable have took a different rout from what I intended — perhaps where they may have given information to those that it had been better for us they had remained ignorant. — This circumstance has prevented me from making observations in letters to my friends that I otherwise should — Once in a great while I get a line from New Hampshire. Last winter I did myself the hon^r^ of addressing you upon the subject of having a post office in Exeter and inclosed a Certificate from the Postmaster Genl that he had given positive orders to Mr Hazzard to establish a post office there and to appoint Mr Jo^s^ Gilman Postmaster — and to direct the Post Rider to take his rout accordingly — but to my no small surprise am informed by Mr Emery that no such Change had taken place — I also wrote you in the m^o^ of March 2 long letters upon various subjects, and at the same time addressed Col. Bartlett — but by a letter just Rec^d^ from that Gent^l^ Conceive he never Rec^d^ them — I was very happy upon seeing Mr Emery but more so upon being fully advised of the great exertions of that State at this important Crisis — he is appointed by the Quarter master Genl and Commissary Genl to receive all ye supplies from that State &c and I must beg leave to refer you to that Gent^l^ for information upon that head. —

The fatigues incident to a faithful discharge of the trust reposed in me and in ——— reflections upon the embarrassed situation of our public affairs hath considerably injured my health but hope when the rays of prosperity shall have brightened a little more, that I can afford a degree of relaxation sufficient to remedy this evil — My most sincere regards to the Gent^ln^ of the Com^tee^ of Safety.

I sensibly feel for ye distress of ye Citizens, & of them in particular for they have undertaken an arduous Task a great & necessary work. I wish them to be strong and Courageous and the Lord shall prosper them — Yours

Presd^t^ Weare

Copy not exact — I mentioned my uncertainty whether I was continued &c &c

[R. 6–95] [*Colonel Abeel to Mr. Peabody.*]

Morris Town 26th July 1780

Sir — I received your Letter concerning the Sulkey but as I have been disappointed in getting the Wheels finished untill a day or to ago, and they are now painting, I would not send it down, however soon as they are dry I shall either come myself or send a Person so as you may see it — I am in the mean time — Sr

Your most Hble Servt

Jas Abeel D Q M Genl

Nathaniel Peabody Esq Head Quarters

[R. 6–96] [*Mr. Brasher to Mr. Peabody.*]

Camp 28th July 1780

Dear Sir; I hope this will find you at Morris in a better state of health than when you left us, if not, that the change of air and a freedom from the perplexities of public business will both contribute to its reestablishment in a short time. — Yesterday the army had orders to hold itself in readiness to march at the shortest notice. I believe you did not hear this before you left us — Peacock the bearer, is sent to Morris to procure the followg articles — be so kind as to direct him — 2 saddle cloaths — 3 or 4 padlocks — 4 rolls of black balls, some hair powder — some pomatum — a pr of shoe brushes — and any other articles which you may judge necessary for the use of the committee — Let me beseech you to be totally disengaged from the thought of public & private business — a solicitude about either will be injurious to you — and believe me I am too much your friend to wish you should neglect anything which may contribute to the recovery of that, without the enjoyment of which, life drags on heavily.

We have received nothing material since your departure, no material occurrence has turned up worthy of your notice — if any thing should, opportunities will not be wanting, I shall do myself the pleasure of making the communication — present my best respects, if you please, to our friends at Morris — I wish you may be happy among them, and believe me, interested in your health and welfare, to be Dear Sir Your sincere friend & most humble servt

Ab. Brasher

Colo Peabody

General Schuyler desires if Mr King has no boots & leather breeches, you will be pleased to give an order to Robinson for a pr of each, on the Cloathier generals store.

[Superscribed] Colo Nathaniel Peabody, Morristown ☙ Mr Wm Peacock

[Colonel Abraham Brasher was a member of the general committee of the State of New York. — Ed.]

[R. 6–97] [*Colonel Brasher to Mr. Peabody.*]

Head quarters 29th July 1780

Dear Sir — I am to inform you that this morning about 3 oclock the Army moved forward on its way to King's ferry, by the Paramus rout — General Schuyler desired me to give you this information and expressed a wish that you would be pleased to come as soon as possible, if your health will permit — There is nothing new here, except this movement — Be pleased to present my love to my family, and my best respects to my friends, and believe me to be with sincere wishes for your health Dear Sir Your sincere friend and most humble servant Ab. Brasher

P. S. You will be pleased to excuse brevity, as I am in haste — must just add, your baggage is forward with us —

[Endorsed] from Colo Brasher July 1780.

[R. 6–98] [*Colonel Brasher to Mr. Peabody.*]

Head quarters, Paramus, 29th July 1780

Dear Sir ; I wrote you a few lines this morning, informing you that the Army was in motion — it halted here to day, and is under orders to proceed by 9 o'clock, tomorrow morning on its rout to king's ferry. — Thus my dear Sir, we are encreasing our easting from you, and I hope we shall have the pleasure of seeing you soon, if your health will permit it. Be pleased to present my respects to Colo Remsen and his Lady, and to my good friends in general — I am dear sir with esteem — Your most obedient Servt

Ab. Brasher

Hon'ble Nathaniel Peabody Esqr

[R. 6–99] [*Benjamin Brown to Colonel Peabody.*]

Head Quarters Peekskill Augt 1st 1780

Dear Sir — I have just time to inform you, that we had liked to have lost every thing that was in the Cover'd Waggon — but fortunately only part of the waggon fell in the River near the shoar, and only wetted the Bottom of the paper Chest, and the under part of yours which induced Col^{o} Brasher & myself to break it open with the advice of the Committee, and found a few of your Cloathing a little wet I have spread them out to dry — this accident happen'd in crossing the River — All our sugar and tea is gone. If you should see or hear of Col^{o} Blane it would not be amiss to have a fresh supply. Lord Sterlings Baggage waggon two of Col^{o} Biddles & one of G—— were all over set in the middle of the River I suppose every thing is so wett, that they will be good for little — I have heard of no other accidents — If you can make out without discommoding yourself to pay Mr Thomas what I owe him I would take it as a very particular favour, as he will think very hard of me in keeping him out of his money so long — It is said the enemy have returned to New York — This is a distressed place for horses — no grass — no hay — nor no short forage — I shall take particular care to pack up your things again as soon as they are dry

I am yours &c

Col^{o} Peabody

Benjn Brown

[*Nathaniel Peabody to Josiah Bartlett. Manuscript Collections, N. H. Historical Society.*]

Copy

Morristown August 6th 1780.

Dear Sir, I have been lately favoured with your letter of the 13th May last (it went to Philadelphia, and I found it on its journey back to the eastward) acknowledging my letters of the 8th of February, and 17th of March last. Since which I have wrote you two very long letters, respecting various subjects; in one I informed you of my being unexpectedly appointed one of a committee to a most disagreeable, arduous service, and requested you to continue to write me as often as possible, and promised in return, to give a line as frequent as my circumstances would by any means permit. And you will readily judge, that the business assigned the committee, has been more than sufficient to occupy the greatest mind, and engross the whole attention. It has not been for want of true and real regard to you, and

many others, that I have not wrote much oftener. For some time past, I have scarce wrote to my family once a month.

I cannot omit observing the manner in which your letter is concluded, you say, "I am without quiting old friends for new" &c, which mode of expression being to me new, I am entirely at a loss what ideas were meant thereby to be conveyed, for I never intimated, or even had a single thought, that you had so done, But if it is meant to imply a charge, I am still in more than three fold darkness about the matter, as I am totally ignorant which part of my conduct could warrant the suggestion, more especially with respect to you, Sir, in particular. However it is now time to begin my letter. I have been in camp from the latter end of April last, till since Mr Emery returned home, during which time the Army underwent several changes; they know what it is to want, but not to abound. I have seen them environed in almost every species of distress. Though things begin to look a little more favourable. The Army increases fast, and a tolerable prospect, all circumstances considered, of supplies. But I am not without great anxiety for the *event* of this campaign. There are many contingencies on which the fate depends. Besides which, there are, generally found, men in the councils of every nation, and people, who find means, under some plausible pretext or other, to render the best concerted plans abortive. Can we suppose the councils of America more virtuous, or her *plans* less vulnerable, than those of other nations? Whenever anything decisive and important is set on foot; designing men will always find out a Diana, or some other favorite Goddess, in danger, and under her banners, with great zeal, alarm *even* the honest and well meaning among the citizens, and excite them violently to oppose the measure, such envious zeal, and malevolent practices, ensure to the authors great confidence and applause, not only from the devotees to the invaded goddess, but many well meaning citizens, who suffer themselves to be led blindfold by their machinations! This my friend is a lamentation, and shall be had for a lamentation! Johnson's golden shrines may have made proselites to his master. Who knows the power of gold? You and I, my friend, have not had the chance of knowing by diabolical experience:— if we had, I will venture to assert, it would not have influenced us in the manner I have but too much reason to believe it has some others, in whose power it is to do us much harm.

America has it in her power, speedily, to put an end to this cruel and bloody war. If it is not done, ought there not to be an enquiry who has been the means of procrastinating the happy hour of peace and independence? I once read of a people, who were led by a cloud; and I have known a people whose *grand, multiformed, san he drin*

were often times in the midst of a fog. You will judge how dissimilar their situations I see a fog, or cloud, rising with a *fire* in the midst, which, if not soon dispelled, and extinguished, will in all probability, greatly distress the army, if not totally mar the proposed operations of this campaign!

The only object we can now have in view, must be to raise a n establish an *Army* for the *war*. Which must be done upon a permanent basis. The terms must be, both honourable, and profitable.

Can we expect men any longer to encounter every species of hardship, and danger, to fight our battles, without a prospect of some other reward, than cold, hunger, poverty, and disgrace?

The raising of men by draft, or otherwise, for short terms, has been found burthensome to the citizens; — and ruinous to the Army. We have always two Armies to feed and pay.— vast numbers continually *coming* and *going*, which sad experience has taught us, serves only to take off the honest husbandman from improving his farm; lessen the produce of the earth; — exhaust your treasury; destroy your arms; — waste your ammunition; — expend the magazines of provisions; — greatly *increase* the necessity, but *diminish* the means of transportation.

In short it deranges every system, and renders calculations altogether uncertain. Upon this mode of proceeding, you can never have an Army in the field, by any means proportionable to the expense, or adequate to the indispensable demand of the service. For all this enormous toil and expense, what have we in return? A few raw undisciplined troops, raised for a short period; by the time they are inured to a camp life, and with great fatigue to the officers, and expense to the United States, a little disciplined, and become in a degree martialists, capable of rendering service, the terms for which they were enlisted, expire! The Army derives but very little additional strength from such recruits. Such aid must nevertheless be sometimes called forth, in cases of urgent necessity, but as auxiliaries only. They must not be too much depended on. The cause deserves other means for support. America has it in her power to furnish those means. The exigencies of the time, render it indispensible. For was it possible, in the nature of things, that our cause could be a little longer supported, in this way, without hazarding the loss of our allies; — the increase of our enemies; — and missing the golden opportunity for *establishing* our independence; the resources of the country would be incompetent for the purpose. The mines of Peru would scarce supply your treasury. The community could not long endure it.

Can we, upon rational grounds, expect to pursue the war, with vigour, and success, or to negotiate a peace to advantage, while in our present labarynth ?

Our enemies, foreign and *domestic* fully comprehend our situation : They know where we are vulnerable, and where not. Can we expect new friends will rise up to our support ? Let us but have an army in the field, upon a proper establishment, such as the nature and importance of the service absolutely demands, and America fully capable to furnish, and my life on the issue, such decisive measures being pursued on our part, other nations, convinced we are determined to be free, will step forth to our aid, and check the çarear of our enemies : which will compel them, *within* and without, at *home* and abroad, instantly to relinquish all pretentions of conquest, and to sue for peace, almost *on our own terms.*

The whole dependence of our enemy for success, has not, for a long time been on the real weakness of America, but upon ruining our finances, which is well nigh compleated, and on our not having an army, properly established, in the field. It might not be improper to observe, in this place, that the usual calculations in all Armies, are, that a much greater proportion of men die by sickness, within the first four months of their entering a camp life, than for four years after that term is expired.

It might also be observed, that the usual disparity in pay, given to persons who turn out for a short time, and to the regular troops, cannot fail to impress the most disagreeable ideas among those who are engaged during the war.

But why should I trouble you, thus much with my thoughts upon a matter with which you are so fully acquainted ; especially, as I am sure your knowledge of public affairs, and daily observation, must suggest to your mind, ideas more adequate to the subject in question.

If I have been ung — [remainder obliterated] in expressing my sentiments, your candour will impute it to zeal, and not to a want of rectitude of intention.

I cannot conclude, without mentioning the high sense I entertain of the honor and merit due to that State, for its decisivc and spirited exertions at this critical, and alarming juncture : It is confessed by many that not another State in the union has a claim to higher, if there is one to equal merit, with the State of New Hampshire, upon this occasion.

It is, at present, my fixed determination, that nothing but a want of health shall prevent my coming home in all September. I have been in this place about a week in hopes that a little relaxation from business, may aid in restoring me to a tolerable state of health.

At present, my situation is rather unfavourable. In addition to the pulmonic complaint I formerly had, behold a hectic *grins* me full in the *face*; and thongh my pale front at this time is less brazen than usual; yet I am fully determined to parry the insults, and baffle the assaults of that grim tyrant.

You will please to make my best compliments to Mrs Bartlett, and to the president and gentlemen of the council of safety.

I am, Dear Sir, With great esteem, Your sincere friend,
most obedient and very humble servt
Nathl Peabody

The honourable Josiah Bartlett Esq.

[R. 6–100] [*Mr. Lovell to Mr. Peabody.*]

Aug. 8th 1780

Dear Sir — I am sorry you are so unwell — The Post Rider has yr Boots, or rather has a pair made for Somebody Else but such as Roney thinks must suit you exactly — except the whim of the Gutter Seame, which He thinks could not be trusted to one Journeyman in twenty and nine tenths of the old ones are gone privateering. — He will take the Boots back if they do not suit — but he cannot find other Legs that he would recommend.

You will give your Directions about payment 2 Guineas or the Exchange which is 70 at lowest — I paid a hard Doller for a Tumbler yesterday because I would not pay 75 — Will Col. Pickering be aided as he ought to be or will he be obstructed by a formidable Combination of Malignants calling themselves Whigs & Patriots?

I make no Comment upon the Necessity which was imposed upon the Public of a *new Choice*
J. L.

[Superscribed] Honble Nathl Peabody, Jersies To the particular care of the Post Rider —
James Lovell

[R. 6–101] [*Noah Emery, Jr., to Mr. Peabody.*]

Exeter 12th Augst 1780 —

Dear Sir — According to your desire I called on Mr Hobart at Hartford for your Chest, he was gone out of Town with the Key of his Store not to Return under 2 or 3 days by which means could not get sight of it, the State Waggons were also gone to Camp before I

got Home but I have Sent your order to Leavitt (by Capt Guile who has gone forward with a Drove of Horses) with Directions to get the Chest & bring it home. I have Enquired of our friend Dudley Respecting the appointment of new Delegates, he says they don't superceed you (but your Standing is as before) which you will see by the Inclos'd Copy. Dudley promised to write you but could not get time to put pen to Paper, but be assured you have his Best Wishes — The Committee seem to be well pleased with my appointment, but I fear they will neglect to write for the others you mentioned to me (unless you desire it of them by writing) there is no forage yard, no Issuing Comy no Hospital no Post Office Established in Exeter and I fear never will be so that business may be done here in a Regular Manner — But Beg of you to Have them all fixed if Possible — as you know the absolute Necessity of them at this time — Mr Hazzard has Condesended so far as to have the mail opened at Hampton (which has not been done yet) Thus you see how this State is Imposed on by a few Individuals, Either for want of Spirit in the Authority or properly Exercising what they Have — Shall be much oblig'd to you for the Resolves of Congress Respecting the Comy & Q Mr Departments — you will please to Excuse the freedom I take in writing & believe me with the greatest Esteem & Regard Dear Sir

your most obedt Hble Servt

Noah Emery Jur

[Endorsed] From Noah Emery Jur. with a vote of the State Augt 80 —

[Addressed] Honble Nathaniel Peabody Esqr Head Quarters.

[R. 6-102] [*Mr. Peabody relative to Post-office at Exeter.*]

Morristown 30th Augt 1780

Sir — I have just recd a letter from the president of the State of New Hampr Complaining exceedingly, that nothing is yet done with respect to establishing a post office in Exeter and directing the Post rider that way — he observes that he had lately seen Mr Hazzard but obtained nothing further than only that Mr Hazzard had *condesended* to promise that the presidents Letters should be so put up, as to be left at Hampton falls!! I leave you Sr. to Judge whether this was all the State had reason to expect from what had passed between you & me upon that Subject, and now Sir I have

only to ask a particular favour that you will be so very obliging as to inclose to me your explicit determination upon the premises, that the state may know what to rely upon and take her measures accordingly, for unless something is done the state will immediately remonstrate against paying one farthing for the support of the office — you will pardon my being thus urgent upon the occasion, as it is a duty I owe to the State, and I am censured for not having the matter sooner settled. The presidents Letter is very long & upon a variety of important subjects or I would have sent it to you. The Honble Mr Mathews who will deliver this letter will take Charge of any answer you shall be pleased to give.

I have the hon^r^ to be &c

Richard Beache Esqr

[Endorsed] Copy of a letter to Mr Beache Augt 30 – 80

[R. 6–103] [*Mr. Lovell to Mr. Peabody.*]

Septr 5th 1780

Dear Sir — I was much relieved from anxiety about you, by the Receipt of your Litter yesterday dated two days before. And I was further most seasonably relieved from a Portion of Chagrin into which I had been thrown by accounts from my Family mortifying in every View — "my Wife my only Daughter & my oldest Son in their Beds, the first having been bled twice, on the same day; the rest of the Family wanting not only Comforts, but necessaries having in vain attempted to borrow even of *the* Great Man." Your Friendship proffered to me in such a critical Hour had great effect in dissipating my Chagrin. I afterwards rec^d^ a Letter from Doct^r^ Holten dated at Boston which was proof that, so far as money could answer my Family was relieved on the 18th of the month. — We have but ill news from the Southward though I am persuaded we have it worse than the facts are. Gates was very ill many days before the action and his Conduct after it appears to spring from Paine I shall be sorry to find him anything worse than *mistaken.* We are just at this Period behind-hand, but things will brighten. Mathews tells us that we are to have no offensive opperations this year. I am sorry for it. We must aim to get a stable medium or we shall not even have defensive, and it seems to be the Disposition of some great merchants here to damn all attempts towards a fixt Currency. I wish you would be more explicit as to y^r^ views of moving,

perhaps I may be y^r Companion eastward, tho I should like to see the End of Ar. Lee's affairs here.

Y^rs affectionately

J. L.

[Addressed] Free — Honble Mr Peabody at Morris Town

[Endorsed] Sep^t 5 Letter from Mr Lovell — Rec^d Sep^t 27th

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[R. 6–104] [*Mr. Lovell to Mr. Peabody.*]

Septr 12th 1780

Dear Sir — Yours of the 8th reached me yesterday. I am glad to find you are in some degree on the Recovery. You make me solicitous to spend some midnights with you in reciprocal Communications about the Saints in general & Mary in particular. We had a good Plan of Living wth Col. Pickering which is destroyed.

We have no prospect of getting out of our present indecent Situation, where we are liable to have the Discredit of all the loud boisterous profane and tawdry Language that flows out of our Parlour Windows, as well as to Chagrins very numerous [of] other Kinds. I presume you may have seen Genl Gate's Letter of Aug. 20 at length. You must also have heard Flings at his Conduct —

Ill Luck I fear will do away his past meritorious Deeds. I wish he had stuck with the Continentals and have left the Militia to be rallied by their own particular officers. You do not say whether you intend to Visit here. I suppose you know that Mr Sullivan is come Delegate, & Agent in the Vermont Business, as to the *little dry Body* I find it very spunging, it must be thrown aside, especially as it was never *necessary* others of an opposite nature being close at hand. I must not go to other Subjects. I shall lose the Post.

Yours affectionately

J. L.

[Endorsed] from Mr Lovell Sep^t 12, 1780 — Rec^d Sep^t 14th

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[R. 6–105] [*Major Gibbs to Mr. Peabody.*]

Head Quarters Bergen County Septr 16th 1780

Dear Sir — On my arrival here, after I had the pleasure of seeing you, I mentioned to His Excellency [General Washington] what you

desired me, respecting the Camp furniture you was so obliging as to offer for the use of his family.

He told me he would be glad to have them, as they would be of service during the Campaign.

I will not mention the particular articles wanted, but should be glad you would order on all that are good and fit for use of the different kinds. We have nothing new in this quarter, the General and family are well, wishing you a full reestablishment of your health, I have the honor to be with great Respect Dear Sir

your most obed^{t} hum^{l} Servant

C. Gibbs

P. S. I should be much obliged to you to forward the inclos^{d} —

The Hono^{l} Nathl Peabody Esq

[Addressed] The Honble Nathan^{l} Peabody Esqr Morris Town

[Endorsed] from Major Gibbs Sept 1780

[R. 6–108] [*Mr. Peabody to General Greene.*]

Copy Morristown Sepr 18th 1780 —

Dear Sir — Your agreeable favour of the 6th instant came safe to hand the 8th — and I should have done myself the pleasure of acknowledging it much sooner, had it not been that I waited in hourly expectation to receive some intelligence from Mr Mathews which might be worth your reading, but alas, I am disappointed, for tho he has wrote me several letters, he has omitted giving me the information I wish to obtain.

Nothing in my present situation, except seeing and Conversing with my friends, could be more agreeable than receiving letters from them, and give me leave to assure you sir there is not one among *the few* I dare at this day call friends whose Correspondence I should higher value, or whose letters would be more eagerly and Gratefully Embraced than those you shall at any time favour me with. The very polite and affectionate manner in which you have expressed your wishes respecting my health and welfare cannot fail to impress on a generous mind indelible sentiments of friendship and excite grateful returns —

When with horror I contemplate the ill timed and worse calculated revolutions alluded to in your letter, the Convulsions they must occasion and the train of distressing embarrassments that will con-

sequently result therefrom, I am overwhelmed with astonishment, and filled with holy indignation at the parracidical Conduct of the authors. The "*thing*" for Conducting your late department appeared in bye Corners, and your letter of resignation thereupon sent to Congress before I left Camp and I have the satisfaction of reflecting That I then fully Joined with my Coleagues in representing to Congress the probable Consequences of your resignation, and of making a Change of men or measures at so late a period in the Campaign, and have shared largely in the hon^r of being *Censured* for giving our sentiments upon the subject — and have to regret our sentiments had not then been more fully expressed, in language emphatical as the subject is important, which would then as now have satiated my mind.

When with a distressed Army, and injured Country, I condole the loss of your abilities in the Q. M. Gen. Department — at the same time I do most Cordially Congratulate you as a friend, a Gentleman a Genl in our Army, on the happy occasion of your being freed from an office the duties of which you had faithfully discharged with so much toil and fatigue, and which had ended in discontent and unmerited disgrace — But let me add I feel a degree of solace in reflecting that the rancour of *our Enemies, the Enemies of our Country* promp'd them no further. The whole of the late Conduct of C — ss relative to you Sir, and to the Committee, had it appeared in any other age than the present or in any other body of men than those who resort together in Chestnut Street Philad^a it would have been a Phenomenon astonishing to all who beheld it. However I can assure you sir that the favourable opinion you imagine the Gentlemen of the Army have Conceived of the well meant intentions of the Committee, will ever be esteemed a Grateful over ballance, for all the ill treatment they have, or may experience from any other body of men.

As to the Gentleman who is to succeed you as Q. M. Genl his Character as a private Gen^t and as a Lawyer was Good — and I most sincerely wish his abilities and exertion on the present occasion may prove Competent for the important purposes of his appointment.

And if we may Judge of future events by past occurrences — the manner in which he *executed* the office of *Adjutant Genl* while in that Department, The *rapid* and *decisive movements* he has made since his present appointment leaves us no room to doubt but his *piercing Eye* will run to & fro through the Department beholding the good, and the Evil that is done in it — That his systematic nod will alone be sufficient to put the whole machine, instantly, in — In fine that he will take up the Complex business of the motion Department as a *very little thing*.

Our southern affairs at present wear an unfavourable aspect — but *wish* they may soon put on a different Complexion — for I must here observe that my opinion of Gen[l] is not at all lessened by what has happened at the Southward since his Command there — unless on examination it should prove that he had been Guilty of Treachery to his Country, or Temerity in his operations against the Enemy neither of which have I ever had the least reason to suspect he would be guilty of from my first acquaintance with him even unto this day.

Though my health has for some time been a little upon the advance yet I am like Issachar of old crouching down under Complicated burthens — For the hand of God hath touched me so that my bodily indisposition has alone been enough for me to grapple with, and has rendered me less capable than I otherwise should have been of enduring the gloomy prospect of a Distressed, if not a disbanded, Army — a Cause which has Cost us such a deluge of Blood, and immense Treasures, put to the hazard if not totally lost — The beautiful, *once virtuous* virgin America deflowered, and sinking under the weight of measures adopted and pursued by her degenerate sons who have been daudled in her lap, nurtured in her bosom, wantonly rioted upon her choicest fruits, and shared her highest Confidences!! add to all this my being under the Iron hand of powerful men, whose tender Mercies are Cruelty, but great as their power is, it by no means equals their Malevolence, otherwise no *honest man* could abide the day of their wrath.

Was it necessary for a scape goat, and the Committee would in the present case answer as a Substitute, so far as it respects me, I have nothing in reserve but my honor and integrity.

But do you imagine a sacrifice of three men only could by any means expiate the sins of those who have began to Crucify them for no other fault than speaking the truth and endeavouring upon Just principles to promote the situation of a Distressed Sinking Country? Though I should highly esteem the good will and opinion of Congress, and should place the approbation of my fellow Citizens among my Choicest Treasures, yet neither the frowns or the flattery of the former, nor the expectation of applause from the latter, or any other Consideration whatever shall, in any Circumstance of life induce me to Censure, or approve *men* or *measures*, Contrary to my real sentiments.

You mention something of publishing &c. it is Just, it is a duty you will one day owe to yourself and to your Country, but not yet my friend. For if Torture ever extorted words from the dumb — I should imagine the unmerited, Cruel, & infernal Treatment *honest men* receive, from those who ought to be their supporters, would fully

Justify many others beside you and me in undecieving the public by representing men & facts in their true Colours to the people at large. But that unbounded love for my Country, which at first induced me to forsake *all* and follow her Cause, now loudly forbids my taking any measures, even in defence of that, which ought to be higher valued than life itself, that might have a tendency to cause greater Jealousies among the people at large at this Critical period, and till the Close of this Campaign, for it is better for one two or three or even an hundred honest men to suffer for a time, than to involve the Country in Greater distress. If it had been an open avowed enemy that had done all this wickedness I could have borne it, but it was my brethren, Sons of America brought up with me, which makes it intolerable, and tho, I shall not quickly pursue, yet if I finally forget the Treatment, may my right hand forget her Cunning — And for the present shall be so far from Cursing those mine adversaries, that I have a blessing in store for them, even for them who ought to be Dam'd for their ingratitude and lest I should err in pronouncing my benedictions, I will do it in the pathetic words of good old father Jacob to his beloved sons Simeon and Levi, which may be seen at large Genesis 49, 5, 6, & 7th, varying only so far as to make it applicable to the persons and Country — But lest you should be put to trouble in procuring a Book that will give an Idea of the matter I will write the quotation. "Simeon and Levi brethren: instruments of Cruelty are in their habitations. O! my Soul come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honor be not thou resisted; for in their anger they slew a man, and in their self will they digged down a well, Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce, and their wrath for it was Cruel: I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel."—

Good men have always spies upon their Conduct!! Several of my letters of Correspondence written in that ungarded manner in which a man is wont to unbosom himself to his friends, especially when in haste, have of late been intercepted and either kept from the persons to whom they were addressed or Copied — and given off in detached sentences, which among enemies operate to my prejudice; on the 6th of last month I wrote a letter which has shared the same fate, and by an anonymous letter I lately recd find my enemies have by some means [or] other obtained, a partial Copy thereof in Philada before it could have reached the Gentlemen to whom it was directed — and you may soon expect to see some very spirited resolutions upon the Daring performance, lest by misrepresentation you should be prepossessed of an opinion that the letter Contains sentiments unwarrantable in themselves, and prejudicial to the public, I take the liberty of inclosing you a Copy, with all blunders, imperfections, Treasons, & political

Heresies therein Contained, without the least amendment or alteration, that you may Judge for your self what ought to be my doom for what is written is written and I neither shall, or wish, to unsay a single word. if nothing more is done about the matter I trust you will not use the letter to my prejudice, I dont mean as to the sentiments it Contains, for I will avow them to my last breath, but only that my enemies need not know that I had sent a Copy & made known the matter to you. Upon looking over the Committee's papers dont find the Copy of your letter of resignation to Congress, which ought to be in our report. I should be very much oblig'd if you will furnish me a Copy by the first Express as our letters to Congress mention the Subject. The news here is that Genl Washington has gone to Rhode Island, that Genl Greene Commands the Army — That Count De Guichen [?] is arrived off block Island — that Jem^y Rivington has congratulated his fellow Demons on the happy circumstance of Admiral Rodneys arrival at the hook with ten sail of the line & other ships of force — You will Judge of the improbability that things are thus situated. I am Dear Sir with that truth which becomes the noblest work of the Deity, your sincere friend, most obed^t and very Hum^l Servt N. Peabody

Hon^r Major Genl Green —

[Endorsed] Copy to Genl Greene

[R. 6–113] [*Copy of a Letter from Mr. Peabody to R. H. Lee.*]

Morristown State of Newjersey October the 27th 1780

Sir — I have been duly hon^d by your agreeable favour of the 24th ult^o Inclosing a letter to the Director Genl which has been deliv^d —

Since the 22^d of Novr the date of a letter you mention to have Receiv^d I have wrote two other letters containing such matters as I should be unwilling to have fallen into the possession of some persons whose hands & hearts are unworthy of my Confidence, and who I fear have filched those letters on their way, as you make no mention of having Rec^d them — It appears to me Sir your apprehensions are well founded, when you say "I fear the season is much too far advanced for any decisive operations to be attempted against New York this Campaign," and that your Querie Claims the highest attention when you say "may not the winter be most profitably employ'd in retaking Charlestown and recovering the two Southern States from our enemies." the reasons you mention in favour of the attempt are weighty — and the late Successes which have attended our arms in that Quarter ren-

der the plan you have proposed both for the winter & spring less hazardous.

The Spirited exertions of your state in raising 3000 recruits for the Continental Army, and 1000 good western Militia at so critical a period, evinces a redoubled attachment to our Cause and add much to the prospect of success in our operations in that vicinity. I cannot quit the subject without Congratulating you my Dear Sir, on the appointment of Major Gen[l] Green to the Command of the Southern Army — That Gentlemans great abilities in the field, his extensive knowledge of the various departments in the Army, gives him the advantage of almost every other General officer in America, in immediately restoring to order and system an army and officers, which at present are almost "without form and void."

But alass of what avail will be the exertions of the greatest Generals, unless fully aided with *men*, *money*, and the other necessary supplies? In the present deranged situation of our public affairs Can this aid be furnished? our Treasury is empty — our military & ordnance stores in that Quarter are much exhausted and I fear the resources of that Country under its present embarrassments will prove incompetent for those other supplies. Your zeal and exertion n the Cause of our distressed Country, on every former occasion forbids my mentioning a single argument to induce your utmost efforts in the present alarming Conjuncture —

General Green entertains a high opinion of your influence and abilities and wishes for your assistance in support of such measures as he may find necessary to adopt for recovering the Southern States, or rather what is more probable to prevent the Enemy from making further progress and as the General is a Gentleman in whom you may place the most unreserved Confidence not only as a Gen[l] officer but as a private Gentleman, have not the least reason to doubt but there will be a perfect harmony & free Correspondence between you and that Gentleman and which I am sure will be assiduously cultivated on his part — The Hon[ble] Arthur Lee passed through this place a few days since on his way to Philad[a] but I was so unhappy as not to have the pleasure of seeing him tho I have been hon'd by a line from him since his arrival there. As the present situation of the Southern States be speak the Theatre of War at least for the ensuing winter, I shall esteem it an addition to the obligations I should otherwise be under by being favoured with a letter from you as often as you may find opportunity and leisure for that purpose —

With sentiments of real friendship, I have the Hon[r] to be Sir
your most obed[t] and very Humble Serv[t]

Nath[l] Peabody

Hon[l] Richard Henry Lee Esq

[*Extract from a Letter from Richard Henry Lee to Mr. Peabody, November* 2, 1779.]

"Though not personally acquainted with you, I hope I shall be pardoned for this letter. I have seen the proceedings of Congress in a late affair, and I have observed New Hampshire supporting the cause of virtue against a very powerful and no less artful and wicked cabal, aiming at the public injury through the sides of its faithful servant; and I have been informed particularly, Sir, of your very worthy support of a character that has not deserved the treatment he has met with. New Hampshire has long been celebrated for spirit; and it has now, on an extraordinary occasion, when very powerful efforts were made to debauch and to mislead, proved its title to the still higher qualities of wisdom and virtue."

[*Mr. Lovell to Mr. Peabody.*]

[Original in Collection of N. H. Historical Society.]

Nov. 3, 1780.

Dr Sir — I was not able to acknowledge by the last post the Receipt of your Letter of Octr 27th I was put upon a decyphering Business respecting some of the intercepted Letters of Cornwallis, and I bogued at it till the Post Rider was gone. J. L. being a Cornet and Adjutant in Lee's Corps will be here so that I may see him as well as you shortly.

I do not see how I can remain here to be paid 1½ dollar pr Day at 40 for one when 2 dollars was pd in 1776 at par, and I ——— here at 75 for 1 as I did in the case of 3 half Joes which you know Mr Clymer lent me for which I paid 1800. — You promised to tell me what course you meant to take from Morris Town — whether Easterly or Southwesterly.

Baron Steuben is to go Southward consequently that *untouched* Treasure will remain in Statue quo another Season. I can give you amusement for amusement whenever we meet to make a regular Exchange of anecdotes. Matters in the Southern Department wear a more pleasing Countenance than some time ago. Cornwallis retreats rapidly and I think will get his wings cropped, before he reaches Camden.

Yours as ever

J. L.

[Addressed] Honble Nathaniel Peabody Morris Town Jersies.

[R. 6–116] [*Mr. Peabody to Lieutenant Wheaton.*]

Peekskill Novr 30th 1780 —

Your kind endeavours for my personal welfare since you have been with me, even when the ill state of your own health might well have employed your whole attention, merit my warmest thanks and cannot fail being kept in grateful remembrance —

The situation of affairs has made it necessary for you to be absent from the Reg^{t} much longer than was expected when you left it but as Col^{o} Angel was obliging enough to say on your leaving him that if such an event should happen it would not injure the public service and hope you will suffer no inconvenience on acc^{t} of your long absence from the Reg^{t} — and that you will find everything agreeable to your wishes on your arrival at Camp.—

With sentiments of friendship I am &c &c

Lt Wheaton N. P.

[Endorsed] Dismission of Lieut Wheaton Nov. 1780

[R. 6–121] [*Soldier's Order.*]

To Capt Sinkler Sir pleas to pay to Samuel Sias the holl of my Wages be it more or less and in so doing you will grately oblig your humbel Servant Bradbury Richardson

Dated Janary the 5 day 1781

Febary third 1781 Paid Samuel Sias twenty fouer pound L. money npon the with in order

[Signature obliterated]

[R. 6–121] [*Officers' Petition.*]

State of New Hampshire } To the Honorable the Council & the Honble the House of Representatives, of the State aforesaid in General Court assembled at Exeter Jany 5, 1781 —

The Petition of Abel Stevens of New Grantham, William Barron of Merrimack, James Kidder of Linesborough, & Peter Page of Charlestown, all Captains in the Regiment lately Commanded by Col^{o} Moses Nichols — Humbley Shews — That they have rec^{d} Warrants upon the

Treasurer for their respective wages, & for the wages of the men under their Command during the time they were employed in the service of the said State. That they have presented some of the warrants aforesaid to the Treasurer aforesaid for payment. That the said Treasurer informs them that there is no money in the Treasury, & that 'tis out of his power to pay them — They further beg leave to shew to your honors that they have been for several days past, & now are in the Town of Exeter on expence waiting for their pay.

That they are not possessed of money sufficient to pay their expences in said Town of Exeter, or to bear their expences to their several homes —

That they & the men belonging to their several Companies have depended on receiving the money due to them as wages, to enable them to pay their taxes — That they did not, "as has been usual heretofore" receive any advance wages — That they were obliged to advance considerable sums of money in order to defray their expences in travelling to & from Camp — that they were employ'd in the service of said State at a time in the year when 'twas most inconvenient for them to leave their several homes — Your Petitioners wish not to be troublesome to your Honors — they wish 'twas in their power to pay their expences in said Town of Exeter, bear their expences home, & pay their taxes after their return — but they are sorry to say that 'tis not — They therefore pray that your honors would point out some way to enable the said Treasurer to pay them respectively the sums mentioned in their respective Warrants (or at least some part of the sums aforesaid) that they may be enabled to pay their taxes, defray their expences in said Town of Exeter, bear their expences to their homes, & pay the men which were under their Command some part of the wages due to them — and as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

Jonas Kidder Abel Stevens
Peter Page William Barron

[R. 6–122] [*Samuel Mitchell of Peterborough.*]

Peterbor° Jany 16 : 1781

State of New Hampshire }
Hillsborough ss. }

Personally appeared Saml Mitchil, & after being duly Cautioned Made Solemn Oath that He Inlisted a Serg^t into Capt Wm Scott^s Company in Col° Henry Jacksons Ridg^t in ye Continental Army on the 6th day of Octr 1777 & Sarv'd as Serjant in s^d Company three years until ye 6th day of Octr 1780 when he was Discharged —

before Francis Blood
Justice Peace

[R. 6–123] [*Petition from Inhabitants on the Frontier.*]

State of New Hampshire } To the Honble the Council & House of Representatives of the said State in Genl Court assembled at Exeter Jan'y 1781 —

The memorial of the Subscribers Inhabitants of the western frontiers of the State afores^d

Humbly Sheweth — That they view themselves greatly exposed to the depredations & ravages, of the Savages, & British Enemies in Canada — That said Enemies have several times attempted a Rout to our habitations, in order to effect our devastation & ruin — But as often as they have made the attempt, so often they have as yet been unsuccessful — and we have great reason to ascribe our present Existence to the good hand of Providence in baffling & disappointing the sanguine expectations of our greedy Enemies — As our Enemies have lately effected their barbarous purposes upon many places to the northward — We have great cause to apprehend that their principal object, at this time, is the destruction of the Inhabitants upon Connecticut River — And we are fully persuaded, that unless something extraordinary shall prevent it, we may depend upon an attack from them the present winter — We would beg leave to suggest that the mode lately adopted for raising sixty men out of Col. Chases & Col. Morey's Regiments, will by no means answer any valuable purpose toward our defence as it will not add a single man to their present numbers — And it is probable that the western frontiers will view it as their indispensible Duty to imploy the whole of their strength in their own defence — notwithstanding any requisitions upon them for the support of the Continental Army. But yet, if said frontiers can be suitably protected — we make no doubt, but they will cheerfully continue to contribute their full proportion towards the support of the Continental Army as many of them have heretofore punctually done — Your memorialists pray your honors to take under your consideration the importance of defending s^d Frontiers not only for the Safety of the Inhabitants, but the interest it will be to the State of New Hampshire & ye united States, & therefore pray your honors to take such measures & raise such a number of soldiers for our defence as in your great wisdom may appear to be necessary — and your memorialists as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c —

Charles Johnston
Moses Dow
Jer^h Eames

Exeter, Jany 25 1781

[R. 6–124] [*Board of War to Commissary Jewett.*]

State of New Hampshire } War Office Portsm° Feby 3^d 1781.

Mr Jedidiah Jewett

Sir — Your Information to the Board of War that the State have appointed you Issuing Commissary in Camp to the Troops raised by them for the Continental service. — They suppose it necessary to give the following directions for your government, that of course falls within their department with you — On your arrival at Camp apply to Maj^r Joseph Bass late Commissary — and receive of him all & singular the stores on hand giving him a receipt specifying each article & transmit to the Board an account of the same. — All Cloathing & Stores that is on hand and that you may receive from the Board — is to be appropriated for the use & Comfort of the Troops of this State, and you are to regulate a supply to the officers & privates yearly, (including what you may draw from the Continent) agreeable to the resolves of Congress, and in case of a surplus furnished by the Board, — Each officer & private is to pay for what he shall receive over & above the yearly suite at the rates they are charged in the Invoices you may receive with the Goods, allways bearing in mind to regulate a just proportion to officers & privates when the store does not admit a surplus — & at no time to exhaust the Store unnecessarily — All articles delivered officers or privates you are to keep a particular & Individual acc^t of for the purpose of their account'g on a depreciating or appreciating proportion to the mode of adjustment agreed upon by the state & the Line of the Army. — All articles under the Denomination of Refreshments that may be sent you by the Board are to be paid for or debted to each Individual — you are to furnish the Board with a Roll of deficiencies from time to time thereby they may seasonably furnish the Store if possible —

For govern'g your conduct in any deficiency to officers or privates you must commence from the begin'g of the year 1780 — as all matters of this kind previous thereto, are under an adjustment by the State, and for this purpose it will be necessary to obtain a Roll from Maj^r Bass of his Issues, previous to his leaving Camp — You will attend to a Correspondence with the Board thereby they will be the better enabled to regulate your proceed'gs with them — Wish'g you health —

By order of the Board

J. W.

[Joshua Wentworth]

[R. 9–124]

[This is a letter from the Board of War to Joseph Bass, directing him to turn over the stores to Mr. Jewett. — Ed.]

[R. 6–125] [*Furlough.*]

Aaron Hale of the 2d Newhampshire Rigt has Leave of absence for twenty four Days at the expiration of which he is ordered to Join his Regt

John Stark B. G.

Derrifield 5th Feb. 1781

To all Concerned

True Coppie Attest George Jackman

[R. 6–125]

[Directions from the Committee of Safety to Lieutenant Bezaleel Howe, relative to receiving recruits from the muster-master at Amherst, and conducting them to the army, February 15, 1781. — Ed.]

[R. 6–127] [*Certificate.*]

York Hutts Near West Point March 7th 1781

This may Certify that Samuel Spear has Returned in his Musquet Bayonet Gun Sling C. Box forty Cartridges three flints Brush and Pick, thum Screw and Knapsack —

Andrew Kettell Serjt
Commanding the Company

[R. 6–128]

[Letter from Caleb Stark to the Legislature asking for some money for General Stark. Dated Exeter, March 22, 1781. — Ed.]

[R. 6–129] [*Certificate relative to Hinsdale's Island.*]

this may certify, the subscriber was appointed Commissary of prisoners in March 1781, & from that time during the war frequently made use of the red warehouse of Hensdells Island so called, for accommodating the prisoners

Moses Woodward

[R. 6–130] [*Jonathan Chase's Petition.*]

State of New Hampshire } To the Honble the Council and House of Representatives of said State Convened in General Assembly at Exeter April 3^d 1781 —

Humbly Sheweth Jonathan Chase a late Sargeant in Col^o Scammell's Regiment in the New Hampshire Line of the Continental Army — That on the 16th March A. D. 1777, he Engaged as a Sergeant in said Regiment — That on the 27th of April A. D. 1779, he having procured one James Smith to Enlist & Serve in his room and Stead During the War — and thereupon obtained a Discharge from the Hon^l Brigadier General Poor (to whose Brigade he belonged) — But that your Petitioner has never received any allowance for Depreciation, he not being made up in the Roll, by reason of his Procuring another man in his stead, Whereby your Petitioner has lost the Depreciation of his pay, unless he can be relieved by your honors, Therefore prays your honors to Consider his Case & Grant him the Depreciation of his pay, from the said 16th of March, 1777, to the said 27th of April, 1779, as to others of his rank and Situation in the Army, and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray &c —

Jonathan Chase

[R. 6–135]

[*Petition of Joseph Drew for Permission to go to Bermuda.*]

State of New Hampshire } To the hon^ble The Council and House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened at Exeter.

THE PETITION of Joseph Drew of Dartmouth in the County of Devon — and kingdom of Great Britain Mariner humbly sheweth — That your Petitioner on the 21st of May last, was captured, being a passenger on board the Brig^t: Jupiter bound for Quebec, by the Ship The Royal Louis Nathan Nichols Commander, and bro^t into the Port of Piscataqua — That he is now by order of the Commissary, confined to his house in Portsmouth by which means, his health, which was before much impaired, suffers extremely — That there being a favorable opportunity of going to the Island of Bermudas in the Brig^t: Olive Branch, Wm Nainby Comm^r: from whence he can easily take shipping for England — he would most humbly request of your honors that he may be permitted to depart the State in said vessel — for which indulgence, he solemnly engages, immediately on his arrival in England, to procure the release of any one American-prisoner that may be particularly chosen and pointed out by your honors — He is informed in particular, of one John Seaward of Portsmouth in this State who has been confined above 2 years in the Mill-Prison in Plymouth, which is very near to where your Petitioner lives, and he is willing to enter into Bonds to procure his release, or return himself immediately to this State, tho' he entertains not the least doubt that he shall obtain his discharge — He has also an Apprentice Boy a prisoner with him whom he would also be glad might go with him — for which he would engage to use his utmost endeavours that one other American-prisoner should be released — One Mark Fernald in particular, an inhabitant of Portsmouth is mentioned, whom he doubts not he could procure in exchange for his said Boy —

Your petitioner would also add that he personally is a well wisher to this Country, having formerly traded much to it, and having married a lady from it, a native of Philadelphia, where she has much larger connections than he has in England, & the attachment to the Country in consequence hereof, he has had many opportunities of evincing in the course of the unhappy war, particularly towards Capt Webber of Cape-Ann and all his Crew — & to one Dey a Mate out of Salem — all of whom he got released and sent home to their families — for the truth of which he will pledge his honor and liberty —

If what y^r petitioner has offered has weight, and your honors should

kindly grant his request and permit him to return to his family, who depend wholly on him for support, he will not only supplicate heaven on your behalf, but by his own conduct endeavour to evince his gratitude in other ways than those which his solemn engagements oblige him to perform — Joseph Drew

Portsmouth 24th June 1781 —

[*Captain Ebenezer Dearing to Board of War.*]

Fort Washington June 27 ye 1781

Honered Sr the Capten of the Flage Behaves verey il he has By sum means or other got of he saes that he Lored him self Down the head of the Warfe and as sune as I knew whaire he was I sent after him But he would not come and then I sent a file of men to fetch him and thair was a number went to Resque him from them and he has a Bused every Bodey and thretens that he will have satesfaction of all of ous hear and I have Confined him in the Gard hous and am afeard to Lete him go on [torn] vessel for fear that he will g [torn] the Prisonors Sr I Beg that you will advise me what to Dew with him whether to keepe him under gard or to Let him go on Bord of his vessel as she Layes close to the Worf and you Will a Blige your Humbel Servnt Ebenezer Dearing

To Collo Joshuay Wintworth

[Friday, June 29, 1781, the General Assembly voted that the president be desired "to order the Flag to depart as soon as may be; also that Capt. Dearing be directed to confine Capt. Nainby in irons till said vessel is ready to sail." — Ed.]

[R. 6–140] [*Letter from Major-General Heath.*]

Head quarters Continental Village Sept. 17– 1781

Sir. I have received undoubted intelligence from Canada, that the enemy have for sometime been building canoes and small batteaux at St Johns, baking hard bread at Montreal, and forwarding it to the same place — And this morning I learn that a brigade of troops have arrived at St Johns from Quebec — This renders it very apparent that

the enemy have designs on the frontiers some where — From the reported size of the small craft, they seem calculated for the creeks & rivers towards the settlements on the Head of Connecticut river, rather than to cross the lakes. In that case the western militia of your State can best lend aid. I submit to you the cautioning them to be in readiness for the purpose — I have sent a reinforcement to Albany; But the importance of the post in the High-lands, and present situation of the Army are such as forbid my making any considerable detachments to a distance, & constrains me to request that the number of militia called for from your State, in his Excellency's last letter, may be sent on immediately — They may, if not already on their march this way, rendezvous at Charlestown N° 4 — and remain there (or, in case the enemy should attack the settlements above, march to their aid) untill further orders — In such case, please order the issuing Commissary in your State to see that they are served with provisions, while detained in the State —

I have the honor to be with great regard
Your Honors Most Obedient Servant
W. Heath M. General

P. S. In case the militia rendezvous at Charlestown please direct the Commanding Officer to report to me his name, rank & the number of militia with him —

I am just informed that a fleet of about 40 sail appeared in the Sound of Huntington the 15th standing eastward — But whether they had troops on board or were a wood fleet, is not known

Hon. Meshech Weare Esquire W. H.

A true Copy Attest Joseph Pearson D. Secy

[R. 6–141] [*Certificate relating to Derrick Oxford.*]

Hartford Sep^{t} 20th 1781

this may certify that Derrick Oxford a Negro Slave to Mr William Gallop of s^{d} Hartford enlisted in ye three years Service and continued till he obtained a furlow home to his Master to Recruit his health and continued Sick & Chargable to his s^{d} Master near one year and then Returned to s^{d} Service —

Elias Weld
William Gallop } Selectmen for Hartford
Daniel Spooner

[R. 6–141] [*Militia Dismissed.*]

Haverhill November 3d 1781

Sir — you will on the 12 day of this Instant dismiss your men make up your Roll and Apply to the State of New Hampshire for your pay — I give you my thanks for your Services

Charles Johnston Lt Colo

To Lt Stearns Comman'g a party of the New Hampsr Militia

A Muster Roll of a Company of Men Commanded by Capt. Jacob Webster in Col Reynold's Regt. of the New Hampshire Militia. [1781]

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

MENS NAMES	Rank	Town they go for	Time engaged	Where Marched	Time Discharged	Time Deserted
Jacob Webster	Capt.	Kingstown	July 12	Sept 22	Novr 25	
Wil^{m} Kielley	Left	Dover	July 11	Sepr 27		f Nov. 1
Joseph Ayer	Sargnt	Plastow	Sept. 18	Do 22	Do	
Daniel Quimby	Sargnt	Newton	Do 22	Do 26	Do	
Josiah Gorden	Sargnt.	Exeter	July 15	Do 22	Do	Do No. 19
Caleb Chase	Corporal	Kingstown	Sept. 14	Sept. 22	Do	
Joseph Copp	Do	Atkinson	Do 20	Do 26	Do	Nov. 14
Thomas Severance	Do	Kingstown	Do 14	Sept 22	Do	
William Cushing	Private	Exeter	July 15	Do 22	Do	f Novb 19
Daniel Watson	Do	Do	Do 15	Do 22	Do	Do 19
Trueworthy Dudley	Do	Do	Do 15	Do 19	Do	Do Novbr 19
Stephen Marsh	Do	Do	Do 15	Do 19	Do	
Phineas Richardson	Do	Do	Do 15	Do 19	Do	
Amos Garland	Do	Hampton	Do 12	Do 25	Do	
Wil^{m} Batcheden	Do	Do	Do 12	Do 25	Do	
Zadock Sanborn	Do	Do	Do 12	Do 25	Do	
Thomas Churchell	Do	Do	Do 12	Do 25	Do	
Josiah Darben	Do	Do	Do 12	Do 25	Do	
Nathan Folinsbury	Do	Plastow	Sept. 18	Do 22	Do	
Simeon Clement	Do	Salom	Do 19	Do 27	Do	
Jedediah Hastin	Do	Do	Do 18	Do 27	Do	
Abial Heath	Do	Do	Do 20	Do 28	Do	
Jacob Handey	Do	Do	Do 21	Do 30	Do	
Jacob Silver	Do	Do	Do 20	Do 28	Do	
Elijah Sener [?]	Do	Kingstown	Do 14	Do 22	Do	
William Challis	Do	Do	Do 14	Do 22	Do	
Moses St [?]	Do	Do	Do 14	Do 22	Do	
Benjn Quimby	Do	Hawke	Do 14	Do 22	Do	

Barnot Thorn	Do	Hawke	Do 14	Do 22	Do	
Thomas Redenton	Do	Do	Do 14	Do 22	Do	
Nathan Hunt	Do	Sandown	Do 17	Do 22	Do	19
Andrew Mace	Do	East Kingstown	Do 18	Do 25	Do	
David Thompson	Do	Do	Do 18	Do 25	Do	
Benjⁿ Eaton	Do	Atkinson	Do 20	Do 26	Do	
Jacob Whitcher	Do	Newton	October 2	October 4	Do	
Sameuel faveour [?]	Do	Do	Sept. 22	Sept 26	Do	
Benjⁿ Loviring	Do	Exeter	July 15	Do 24	Do	

Jacob Webster Capt.

Lᵗ William Kielley transferred from Capᵗ Woodmans company to mine October 13th 1781.

True. Dudley, Stephen Marsh } arrived at Springfield Sept 24th

Cushing, Watson, Richardson } do — — 27th

Gordon & Lovrin } at No. 4 — — Octᵒ 4th

Muster Roll of A Company of men Commanded by Capt. William Boyes in Col^o Reynold's Reg^t of Newhampshire Militia — [1781]

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

MENS NAMES	Rank	Towns they go for	Time Engag.	Time Marched	Time Discharg
William Boyes	Capt.	Newboston	——	Septr 29	Novr 25
Jonathan Adams	Lieut.	L. derry	——	do 29	Do
Tobias Butler	Sergt.	Newboston	Sept 15	Septr 20	Do
Adam Dickey	Do	L. derry	Do 18	Do 25	Do
Parker Mors	Do	Chester	Do 17	Do 22	
Moses Folingsbee	Corpl	Weare	Do 15	Do 20	
Jonathan Davis	Do	Candie	Do 17	Do 24	
Simeon Fletcher	Do	Lyndeboro	Do 17	Do 25	
William White	Private	Newboston	Do 15	Do 20	
Obadiah Silver	Do —	Do —	Do 15	Do 20	
Thomas McLaughlin	Do	Lon. derry	Do 18	Do 27	
Arthur Nesmith	Do	Do	Do 18	Do 29	
James Gregg	Do	Do	Do 18	Do 29	
Robert Thompson	Do	Do	Do 18	Do 29	
William Esman	Do	Do	Do 18	Do 29	
Elijah Towns	Do	Do	Do 18	Do 29	
Alexander McMurphy	Do	Do	Do 18	Do 29	
John Colbey	Do	Weare	Do 15	Do 20	
Joseph Pilsbrey	Do	Do	Do 15	Do 20	
Daniel Straw	Do	Do	Do 15	Do 20	
Caleb Richardson	Do	Chester	Do 17	Do 22	
Benjamin True	Do	Do	Do 17	Do 22	
Joseph Brown	Do	Do	Do 17	Do 22	
John Speller	Do	Do	Do 17	Do 22	
Gilbert Moss	Do	Do	Do 17	Do 22	
Theoder Moss	Do	Do	Do 17	Do 22	
William Moor	Do	Do	Do 17	Do 22	

Daniel Shirla	Do	Do	Do	17	Do	22
Robert Shirla	Do	Do	Do	17	Do	22
Nath[l] Underhill	Do	Candia	Do	15	Do	24
Thomas Anderson	Do	Do —	Do	15	Do	24
John Wason	Do	Do	Do	15	Do	24
Enoch Ordaway	Do	Lyndsboro	Do	17	Do	25
Jams Hutchison	Do	Do —	Do	17	Do	25
Oliver Holt	Do	Do	Do	17	Do	25
Daniel Jamerson	Do	Dunbarton	Do	17	Do	24
Jess Gitchel	Do	Do —	Do	17	Do	24
Jerry Foster	Do	Do	Do	17	Do	24
Jams Martin	Do	Bedford	Do	17	Do	23
Jams M[c]Laughlen	Do	Do —	Do	17	Do	23
Jams M[c]Laughlen	Do	Do —	Do	17	Do	23
David Husten	Do	Do	Do	17	Do	23
John Thompson	Do	Derryfield	Do	17	Do	23
Oliver Townsel	Do	Do	Do	17	Do	23
Jonathan Tenny	Do	Pelham	Do	20	Do	24
Jess Wyman	Do	Do —	Do	20	Do	24
Josiah Wyman	Do	Do	Do	20	Do	24
John Tarbox	Do	Do	Do	20	Do	24
John Cambell	Do	Windham	Do	19	Do	25
Samuel Campbell	Do	Do	Do	19	Do	25
Nathaniel Shead	Do	Do	Do	19	Do	25
Jams Sargent	Do	Goffstown	Do	17	Do	22
Edmond Black	Do	Do	Do	17	Do	22
Joshua Heath	Do	Do	Do	17	Do	22
James Greer	Do	Do	Do	17	Do	22
James M[c]Ferson	Do	Francestown	Do	15	Do	24
Simon Low	Do	Do	Do	15	Do	24
Seirgant Blasdel	Do	Hinneker	Do	15	Do	24
William Dicksey	Ser[t] Major To	the Reg[t]			Do	27
Ebinezer Coston *	Do	Francestown	Do	15	Do	29

* Deserted October 14

William Boyes .Capt.

This may Sertify that Cap[t] William Boyes Company was mustered before me

Charlestown Nov[r] 24 — 1781

Daniel Reynolds Col[o]

Muster Roll of a Company of Men Commanded By Capt Othniel Thomas In Colo Runnel's Regt of New Hampshire Militie [1781]

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

MENS NAMES	Rank	Towns they go for	Time Engaged		Time Marched	
Othniel Thomas	Capt.	Rindge	15	——	Octo.	1
William Moor	Lieut	Chester	90			
John Locke	Sargt	Ipswitch	Sept.	21	Do	28
Reuben Baldwin	Do	Do	Do	21	Do	28
James Turnar	Do	Geffery	Do	18	Do	29
Samuel Robb	Corpl	Petersboro	Do	21	Do	29
John Mors Morse	Do	Packersfield	Do	20	Do	25
Abraham Rice	Do	Fitzwilliam	Do	18	Do	19
Paul Sticknee	fifer	Ipswich	Do	21	Do	28
John Goold	Privates	Do	Do	21	Do	28
Ephraim Hildreth	Do	Do	Do	21	Do	28
John Goold Jr	Do	Do	Do	21	Do	28
John Leland	Do	Rindge	Do	20	Do	25
Benjamin Russell	Do	Do	Do	20	Do	25
Jethro Thomas	Do	Do	Do	20	Do	25
Ezekiel Demery	Do	Do	Do	20	Do	25
Peter Hadley	Do	Fitzwilliam	Do	18	Do	29
Ebenezer Nuss	Do	Do	Do	18	Do	29
James Beemoss	Do	Geffery	Do	18	Do	29
Asa Brigham	Do	Do	Do	18	Do	29
Mical Woodcock	Do	Petersbrook	Do	21	Do	29
James Gordin	Do	Do	Do	21	Do	29
Joseph Rolins	Do	Doublin	Do	18	Do	29
Asa Bullard	Do	Do	Do	18	Do	29
David Drury (1)	Do	Temple	Do	22	Do	28
Nathl Haselton (1)	Do	Do	Do	22	Do	28
Joseph Sticknee	Do	Do	Do	22	Do	28

James D [Illegible]	Do	Marlborough	Do	22	Do	29
Isai Robbins	Do	Do	Do	22	Do	29
John [Illegible]	Do	Packerfield	Do	20	Do	25
Thomas Williams (2)	Do	Hancock	Do	21	Do	29
Joseph Pulling	Do	Geffery	Do	18	Do	29
Joseph Frost	Do	Doublin	Do	18	Do	29

(1) Furlowed Nov. 18 — 10 Days (2) Deserted Nov 8th

A Musterole of a Company of men Commanded by Cap^tn Nath^el Head in Col^o Raynolds Reg^t of the New Hampshire Militia [1781]

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

MENS NAMES	Rank	Towns goo for	Time Engaged	When Marched	Time Discharged
Nath^ll Head	Capt.	Pembroke	July 14	Sep 17	
Oliver Dow	Lieut.	Hopkintown	July 14	Do Do	
Moses Fellows	——	Salsbery	Sept 17	Sept 18	Nov 25
Enoch Hoyt	Sargt	Hopkintown	Do 14	Do 18	Do
Moses Colbey	——	Do	Do	Do	Do
Benjn Sargent	Corpl	Pembroke	Sept 22	Do 30	Do
Joseph Blanchard	Do	Concord	Do 17	Do 18	Do
Thom^s Curry	Do	Canterbury	Do 8	Do 20	Do
Phineas Ayers	Fifer	Concord	Do 17	Do 20	Do
Daniel Eastman	Privet	Concord	Do 17	Do 19	Do
Jerem^h Virgin	Do	Do	Do 17	Do 19	Do
Jerem^h Chandler	Do	Do	Do 17	Do 19	Do
Moses Reed	Do	Do	Do 17	Do 19	Do
Millins Kimball	Do	Do	Do 17	Do 19	Do
Stephen Putney	Do	Hopkinton	Do 14	Do 18	Do
Saml Easteman	Do	Do	Do 14	Do 18	Do
Richd Smith	Do	Do	Do 14	Do 18	Do
Moodey Clement	Do	Do	Do 14	Do 18	Do
Daniel Stickney	Do	Do	Do 14	Do 18	Do
David Stickney	Do	Do	Do 14	Do 18	Do
Joseph Hoyte	Do	Boscawen	Do 16	Do 19	Do
Jerem^h Carter	Do	Do	Do 16	Do 19	Do
Nath^n Carter	Do	Do	Do 16	Do 19	Do
Daniel Sheppord	Do	Do	Do 16	Do 19	Do
Benjn Davice	Do	Loudon	Do 17	Do 18	Do
John Boswell	Do	Do	Do 17	Do 18	Do
Jonas Wayman	Do	Do	Do 17	Do 18	Do
Matthew Greeley	Do	Salsbuary	Do 17	Do 20	Do

Benjn Sanborn	Do	Do	Do 17	Do 20	Do
Elisha Sheppord	Do	Do	Do 17	Do 20	Do
Solom^{n} Annas	Do	Warner	Oct 19	Oct 19	Do
Isaac Walker	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do
Sampson Battas *	Do	Canterbury	Aug 20	Sep 20	
Peter Blanchard	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do
John Sutton	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do
Aaron Kimball	Do	Pembroke	Sept 17	Do 18	Do
David Kimball	Do	Do	Oct 16	Oct 16	Do
Solo^{n} Andros	Do	Hilsborough	Sep 20	Do 2	Do
Andrew Bradford	Do	Do	Do 17	Do 2	Do
Danl Stickney	Do	Bow	Do 24	Do 2	Do
Josiah Chandler	Do	Do	Do 24	Do 2	Do
Simon Pope	Do	Henicker	Do 20	Do 22	Do
Ebenezer Whitlock [?]	Do	Do	Do 20	Do 22	Do
William Davise	Do	Do	Do 20	Do 22	Do
John Kimball	Do	Pembroke	Do 22	Sept. 30	Do

* Deserted Nov. 22

Nathl Head Capt

Rockingham ss Dec^{br} 26th 1781 The truth and Justice of this Roll was Sworn to before me
James Betton Just. Peace

Charlestown N. H. Novr 24, 1781 — This may Sertify that the within Company was mustered by me
Daniel Reynolds Lt Col^{o} Com

[Endorsed] Capt Heads Muster Roll 1781 — Reynolds Regiment Disch^{d} Novr 1781

Muster Roll of A Company of Men Commanded by Capt Joseph Parsons in Col Runnels's Regt. of the New Hampshire Militia — Charlestown Novemb^r 24th 1781 —

MENS NAMES	Rank	Towns they go for	Time Engag'd		Time Marched	
Joseph Parsons	Capt.	Rye	July	21	Octob	6
Noah Hains	Lieut.	Greenland	Do	21	Do	2
Josiah Flagg	Do	Chester	Septem	12	Septem	24
Nathaniel Foss	Sergeant	Rye	Septem	19	Octob	1
Benjamin Page	Do	Portsmouth	Octob	1	Do	4
John Kelle	Do	Northampton	Septem	18	Do	4
John Mills	Q. M. Do	Portsmouth	Do	29	Do	4
James Palmer	Corporal	Stratham	Do	18	Do	1
Joshua Severance	Do	Portsmouth	Do	29	Do	4
Reuben Rundlet	Do	Stratham	July	5	Do	1
Isaac Moore	Drummer	Do	Septem	15	Do	2
John Dearborn	Fifer	Greenland	Do	29	Do	2
Enoch Butler	Private	Portsmouth	Septem	29	Octob	4
Joseph True	Do	Do	Do	29	Do	4
Jeremiah Avery	Do	Do	Do	29	Do	4
Samuel Cates	Do	Do	Do	28	Do	2
Thomas Ayers	Do	Do	Octob	1	Do	2
Solomon Rundlet	Do	Do	Septemb	28	Do	2
William Marden	Do	Do	Do	28	Do	2
William Ham	Do	Do	Do	28	Do	2
Ezekiel Knowles	Do	Do	Do	29	Do	4
Theodore Marston	Do	Do	Do	29	Do	4
Jonathan Blue	Do	Do	Do	29	Do	4
John Yeaton	Do	Rye	Do	19	Do	1
Edward Hall	Do	Do	Do	19	Do	1
Job Foss	Do	Do	Do	19	Do	1
Daniel Clarke	Do	Stratham	July	8	Do	1
John Neal	Do	Do	Do	18	Do	1
Daniel French	Do	Do	Do	18	Do	1

Ezra Dam	Do	Northampton	Do	18	Do	4
William French	Do	Kensington	August	12	Septem	24
Edward True	Do	Do	Do	12	Do	24
Daniel True	Do	Do	Do	12	Do	24
Charles Page	Do	Do	Do	12	Do	24
Benjamin Sweat	Do	Hampton Falls	Septem	15	Do	24
Mark Batchelder	Do	Do	Do	17	Do	24
Phineas Batchelder	Do	Do	Do	17	Do	24
Benjamin Dam	Do	Newington Kensington	Do	18	Octob	3
Ebenezer Nutter	Do	Do	Do	18	Do	3
Samuel Eaton	Do	Seabrook	Do	29	Do	3
Reuben Eaton	Do	Do	Do	29	Do	3
William Wallis	Do	Greenland	Do	29	Do	2
Elisha Hains	Do	Do	Do	29	Do	2
John Clarke	Do	Portsmouth	Do	28	Do	2

Company Dischargd Novr 25 Joseph Parsons Capt.

Charlestown Novr 24th 1781. The within company were mustered before me
Daniel Reynolds Lt Col^{o} Comd^{t}

Rockingham ss Decb^{r} 26th 1781. The truth and justice of this Roll was sworn to before me
James Betton Just. Peace

Muster Roll of A Company of Men commanded by Capt. Joshua Woodman in Col Raynolds Reg^t of the Newhampshire Militiey [1781]

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

MEN'S NAMES	Rank	Towns they go for	Time engaged	Time Marched	Time Discharged
Joshua Woodman	Capt.	Lee	July 10	Octobr 1	Nov. 25
Israel Rendal	Lieut.	Nottingham	Do 13	Dito 1	
Edwd Wins^w Emerson	Sergt.	Durham	July ye 10	October 1	
Levy Leathers	Do	Nottingham	Do 20	Septr 19	
Downing Colbath	Do	Durham	Do 16	Octobr 1	
Jacob Davis	Corpr^l	Northwood	Septem 25	Do 1	
Nicholas Leathers	Do	Nottingham	Do	Septr 19	
Benjamin Roberts	Do	Dover	Do 17	Do 27	
Joshua Woodman	Drumer	Lee	July 11	Octor 2	
Henery Buzzell	Private	Barrington	Do 30	Septr 27	
Samuel Moltor	Do	Epsom	Octor 3	Octor 3	
James Wood	Do	Do	Do 3	Do 3	
Joseph Molton	Do	Do	Do 3	Do 3	
Samuel Meader (1)	Do	Barrington	July 30	Septr 27	
Zearle Stanton (1)	Do	Do	Do 30	Do 27	
Samuel Hutchins	Do	Do	Do 30	Do 27	
John Foss	Do	Do	Do 30	Do 27	
James Murey	Do	Northwood	Septr 17	Do 20	
Bartholomew Smart	Do	Durham	July 10	Octor 1	
Ebenezer Kent	Do	Do	Septr 15	Do 1	
Isack Kenerstone	Do	Do	Do 15	Do 1	
Solomon Giles	Do	Nottingham	July 20	Septr 19	
Stephen Hall	Do	Do	Do 20	Do 19	
Nathaniel Philbrick	Do	Do	Do 20	Do 19	
Samuel Rendal	Do	Do	Do 20	Do 19	
Jonathan Lock	Do	Dearfield	August 22	Septr 19	
Parker Chase	Do	Do	Do 22	Do 19	

Reuben Doe	Do	Do	Do	22	Do	19	
Caleb Philbrick	Do	Do	Do	22	Do	19	
Robert Smart	Do	Do	Do	22	Do	19	
True Brown	Do	Do	Do	22	Do	19	Novm. 27
Jeremiah Sawyer	Do	Do	Do	22	Do	19	
William Leathers (1)	Do	Lee	Septr	26	Octor	1	
Stephen Langmaid	Do	Do	Do	16	Do	1	
Eliphalet Tufts	Do	Do	Do	26	Do	1	Novr 11
William Keley (2)	Do	Dover	Septr	17	Septr	27	
Ichabord Ham	Do	Do	Do	17	Do	27	
Ichabord Varney	Do	Do	Do	17	Do	27	
Coradon Chesley	Do	Do	Do	17	Do	27	
William Swan	Do	Do	Do	17	Do	27	
Robert Herd	Do	Do	Do	17	Do	27	
Peter Cook	Do	Do	Do	17	Do	27	
Nicholas Smith	Do	Brintwood	Septem	23	Octor	23	
Andrew Ward	Do	Do	Do	23	Do	23	
Joseph Smith	Do	Chichester	Do	15	Do	3	
Dudley Swain	Do	Do	Do	8	Do	3	
Simeon Lovering	Do	Do	Do	15	Do	3	
Moses Rollins	Do	Rochester	Octobr	1	Octobr	9	
Joseph Clark	Do	Do	Do	1	Do	9	
Edward Burrows	Do	Do	Do	1	Do	9	
Joseph Stevens	Do	Do	Do	1	Do	9	
Joseph Herd	Do	Do	Do	1	Do	9	
Paul Cook	Do	Do	Do	1	Do	9	
Benjamin Perkins	Do	Do	Do	1	Do	9	
John Palmer	Do	Do	Do	1	Do	9	
John Perkins	Do	Do	Do	1	Do	9	
Isack Hanson	Do	Madbury	Do	1	Do	8	
Ebenezer Pitman	Do	Do	Do	1	Do	8	
Aaron Wingate	Do	Do	Do	1	Do	8	

(1) Deserted Octr 12 (2) Line drawn through this name.

Joshua Woodman Captin

Rockingham ss Dec^br 26th 1781 The truth and Justice of this Roll was Sworn to before me

James Betton Just. Peace

Charlestown Novr 24 The within Company mustered before me Daniel Reynolds Lt Col^o

Muster Roll of a Company of men commanded by Capt John Mills in Colo Reynold's Regt of The Newhampr Meletia 1781

[Original in Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C.]

MENS NAMES	Rank	Towns they go for	Time Engaged	Time Marcht	Time Dischargd
John Mills	Capt.	Amherst			Novr 25
Willis Brooks	Leut.	Hollis			Do
Joseph Dix	Sergt.	Dunstable	Septr 17	Septr 23	
Elijah Averil	Do	Amherst	do 20	Do 25	
Thomas Davis	Do	Marrimac	do 17	Do 23	
Samuel Reed	Corpl	Hollis	do 20	Do 26	
George Christopher	Do	Amherst	do 21	Do 25	
Thomas Youngman	Do	Litchfield	do 17	Do 27	
Thomas Powel	Drmr	Hollis	do 20	Do 29	
John Fields	Fifer	Amherst	do 20	Do 29	
Peter Abbot	Private	Amherst	do 18	Do 25	
Daniel Averil	Do	Amherst	do 20	Do 25	
James Blanchard	Do	Willton	do 17	Do 20	
Ephraim Bowers	Do	Dunstable	do 17	Do 23	
Asa Chamberlain	Do	Hollis	do 20	Do 26	
Robert Connick	Do	Do	do 20	Do 26	
Paul Crosby	Do	Amherst	do 23	Do 25	
Jonathan Crain	Do	Willton	do 17	Do 20	
Thomas Cross	Do	Nottingham West	do 17	Do 23	
Nathan Cross	Do	Do	do 17	Do 23	
Timothy Dale	Do	Wilton	do 17	Do 20	Novr 29
Abel Davis	Do	Marrimac	do 17	Do 23	Do 27
Abijah Eaton	Do	Mason	do 18	Do 24	Do 26
Edward Hartshorn	Do	Amherst	do 18	Do 25	
Joshua Haywood	Do	Do	do 23	Do 27	
Samuel Hamlet	Do	Willton	do 17	Do 20	Do 26
Archabald Harwood	Do	Dunstable	do 17	Do 23	

Abner Kize	Do	Hollis	do	20	Do	29		
Hugh Mathews	Do	Litchfield	do	17	Do	23		
Daniel Merril	Do	Hollis	do	20	Do	26		
Ephraim Nutting	Do	Mason	do	18	Do	24		
Woods Parker	Do	Hollis	do	20	Do	29		
Samuel Phelps	Do	Amherst	do	18	Do	25		
David Peabody	Do	Nottingham	do	17	Do	23		
Amos Roberson	Do	Nottingham	do	17	Do	23	Novr	4
Jacob Weatherby	Do	Mason	do	18	Do	24	Do	26
Peter Wakefield	Do	Amherst	do	18	Do	25		
Ezra Wyman	Do	Nottingham	do	17	Do	23		
Andrew Wilkins	Do	Marrimac	do	17	Do	23		
Daniel Wesson	Do	Amherst	do	23	Do	27		
Jacob Moore	Do	Hollis	do	20	Do	27	Novr	29
Amos Herrick	Do	Mason	do	18	Do	24		

John Mills Capt.

Charlestown Novr 24, 1781. The within Company mustered before me

Daniel Reynolds Lt Col^{o}

[SUPPLEMENT TO RECORD OF TOWN RETURNS.

In copying the record of town returns, as printed in Vol. XVI. pp. 498–523, the editor found that one leaf of the book was missing, and strict search failed to bring it to light until on examining some miscellaneous manuscripts in the Bureau of Pensions, at Washington, the missing leaf was found, of which the following is a copy. — Ed.]

Thornton.

Geo. Patterson
Alex. Patterson 1882
J. B. Spencer by E. Frye.

Wakefield.

Thomas Rawlins Kensington deserted July 6, 1780
George Fall
Jon[a] Morgan
John Watson r 1781 Apr. 17
Benj Dodge
William Wentworth 1780
Andrew Quimby r 1781 Mar. 17
John Martin r 1781 Apr. 17

Warner.

W[m] Lowell r 1781 May 2
Stephen Colby r do June 14
Isaac Lowell r 1781 May 2
Barnard Lowell r do June 14
Hubbard Carter, paid £15. Aug. 5–1777 as bounty during the war — advanced to Ensign.

Weare.

Stephen Andrews Hillsborough
Jacob Gile
Jona Tucker
Sam[l] Downing Deering
Dan[l] Clough
Joseph Flood r
James Gile r
Sam[l] Eaton r
James King r
} 6 months
Moses Flood
Josiah Tucker
} 6 mo'
James Dowd
Benj Powell
David Bryant
Elisha Roberts
Michael Lyons
Stephen Dustin
Jacob Flanders Mar. 26, 1782
Aaron Basford May 10, 1782
Stephen Bohonon r do.
Robert Collins r do
David Greeley r May 15, 1782
Jeremiah Fogg May 15, 1782

Windham.

William Darrah
John Job not returned
John Manyfold
Hugh Moore r Mar 10, 1782
David Campbel July 30, do.
Edward Jones July 1, do
Nat Thi–sl Concord [Roll torn]
Alex. McMasters Londonderry
Bart. Cabuij deserted
Geo. Wilson r Nottingham West
James McIlvain r 6 Mo.
Robert Morrill July 1, 1782
Asa Kittridge do. do.

Wolfeboro.

Daniel Bridges

[*Return of Officers in the New Hampshire Line*, 1782.]

[Original in Department of State, Washington, D. C.]

Return of the Officers of the N H Brigade agreably to Gen. Orders 21, Mar 1782

Rank	NAMES OF OFFICERS	Dates of Commission.		By whom furloughed	Until what time
Lt Colo Comt	Geo Reid	5 Mar.	1778	Genl Gates	15 Apl Not returned
Major	Amos Morrill	24 Mar.	1780		
Major	James Carr	8 Decr	1782		
Cap.	Isaac Farwell	8 Novr	1776		
Cap.	Daniel Livermore	8 Nov.	'76		
Cap.	Isaac Frye	8 Nov.	'76		
Cap. & Maj Brig	Jere Fogg	9 Oct.	'77		
Cap.	Moody Dustin	5 March	'78		
Cap.	Saml Cherry	30 Nov.	79	Genl Gates	15 February Not returned
Cap.	Benja Ellis	5 July	'80		
Cap.	Josiah Munroe	5 July	80		
Capt	Joseph Potter	6 Oct.	81		
Lt & Adjt	Joseph Boynton	1 May —	78		
Lt	James Blanchard	22 May	79		
Lt	Bezaliel Howe	24 June	79		
Lt & Paymr	James Blake	24 Mar.	80		
Lt	Jno Cilley	5 July	80		
Lt	Archibald Stark	5 July	80		
Lt	Nathan Weare	5 July	80		
Lt	Saml Adams	12 July	80		
Lt	Joshua Merrow	12 July	80		
Lt & Q Mr	Caleb Blodget	1 Jany	81		
Lt	John Harvey	12 May	81	Genl Gates	15 Apl Not returned
Lt	John Adams	6 Oct	81		
Lt	Leml B. Mason	Aug	82	Genl Gates	15 Ap Not returned
Surgeon	Robt R. Henry	1 Oct.	79		
Mate	David Allen				

Major —	William Scott	20 Sep	1777		
Major	Caleb Robinson	6 Oct	81		
Cap.	David Mc Gregore	4 Aug	77	Genl Gates	15 Apl Not returned
Cap.	John Dennett	1 July	80		
Cap.	Asa Senter	12 May	81		
Cap.	Wm Mordaunt Bell	21 Mar	82		
Lt.	Joshua Thompson	30 Aug	79		
Lt & Q Mr	Jona Perkins	24 Mar.	80		
Lt & Adj.	Joseph Mills	5 July	80		
Lt & Pay Mr	Daniel Gookin	12 July	80		
Lt	Robt B. Wilkins	19 Apr	81		
Lt	Moses Page	13 Sep	81	Genl Gates	15 Apl Not returned
Lt	Oliver Bacon	13 Apr	82		
Surgeon	Ebinr Stockton	10 July —	82		

Jere. Fogg M Brig —

Regt Staff
- Lt Boynton Adjutant
- Lt Blake Paims
- Lt Blodget Q Mr

Battalion
- Lt Perkins Q Mr
- Lt Mills Adjt
- Lt Gookins P M

Wm Scott Maj Comm'd

Return of the Officers in the New Hampshire line who remain with the three years men —

[Original in Department of State, Washington, D. C. Volume entitled New Hampshire Revolutionary Records, 1782.]

Lieu^{t} Col^{o} Com^{t} Geo. Reid, Major James Carr — 5 Companies —

Capt Daniel Livermore —	Capt Isaac Frye
Capt Moody Dustin —	Capt Asa Senter
Capt Joseph Potter —	Lieu^{t} Bez. Howe
Lt Joshua Thompson —	Lt Joshua Merrow
Lt John Adams —	Lt Oliver Bacon

Staff

Major Amos Morrill, Agent — L^{t} Jo. Boynton, Adjutant Lt Thomas Blake, Paymaster — Lt Caleb Blodgett Q^{r} Mast. Mr Ebenezer Stockton, Surgeon.

Geo. Reid Lt Col^{o} Command^{t}

[Endorsed] List of the Corps of New Hampshire Troops.

[*Stations of the New Hampshire Troops*, 1782.]

[Original in Department of State, Washington, D. C.]

A Return of the N Hamp^{s} Troops & where Station'd

The first Reg^{t} Consisting nearly of 270 R. & File fit for Duty are Station'd at Saratoga

The 2nd Regiment are distributed as follows (viz) 3 Companies at Forts Harkimer and Dayton their Number about 80 R. & File one Comp^{y} at Esqr Harkimers & the Indian Castle R & F 30 — the Remaining part of the Reg^{t} which is nearly 150 are Station'd at Fort Plain or Ransler from which they deteach guards weekly to Fort Willett Parrises Mill Moyen House & the Ferry near the Post — Geo Reid Lt Col^{o} Comm'd

N B this Return is taken from the Musters of May last; Can't say that it is so accurate as I could wish — G. Reid

Albany 1st July 82

[Endorsed] Return of the New Hampshire Troops July 1st 1782

[R. 6–143] [*Certificate relative to John Eastman.*]

This may Certify that John Eastman an inhabitant of Hopkinton, formerly an Inlisted Soldier in Capt Nathl Hutchins Company, has been a Deserter with the Enemy — has since Joined his Regt and was present last Decr — D. Livermore Capt —

Concord March 21 1782 —

[R. 6–143] [*Certificate relative to Isaac Carkin.*]

March 16th 1782 —

this May Certifie that Isaac Carkin Inlisted for the war in Capt Isaac Fryes Company 3d N. Hampshire Regt Decr 1779 for the war and was Drafted from sd Capt I. Fryes Company to Join my Company in Febury 1781 — J. Munroe Capt

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[R. 6–143] [*Certificate relative to Jonathan Burbank.*]

Exeter June the 22d 1782. —

Jonathan Burbank of the late Major Whitcombs Corps a Soldier during War is mustered for the War and will be considered as one of the quota for Seabrook for Three years in Case the Committee on claims shall certify he is not claimed by any other Town —

Jere Fogg M. Master

[R. 6–144] [*Committee of Safety to Colonel Hunt.*]

State of New Hampr } In Committee of Safety Exeter April 6th 1782.

Sir — You are hereby desired to call on the Select-Men of the Town of Charlestown, and any Towns Adjacent thereto, for Bread and Beef Sufficient to Supply the Recruits which may be Mustered at Charlestown agreeably to an act of the General Court passed March 21st 1782.

You will please to deliver the same in such Quantities as may be called for by Capt Ellis who is appointed Muster master at Charlestown.

You may assure the Several Towns who may Supply you with Beef or Bread that the same will be allowed out of their Taxes for the

Current year and on their producing your receipts to the Gen[l] Court or Committee of Safety, they will Receive an order on the Treasurer for that purpose —

Hope you will Undertake this business as we have no other mode of Supplying the Recruits — M. Weare Pres[t]

Col[o] Samuel Hunt —

[R. 6–145]

[*Lieutenant-Colonel George Reid to Josiah Gilman.*]

Londonderry 19th Ap[l] 1782

Sir — I hereby transmit you rolls of eight Companys of the 2nd New Hampshire Reg[t] with the Casualties that have happened in said Companies in the year 1781 — Maj[r] Wait writes me that for the want of the papers of Cap[t] Cherrys Comp[y] his roll cou'd not be made out — as soon as I Join the Regiment, I will order Cherrys to be made out & sent on to your Office —

I am with respect your most Obed[t] Serv[t]

Geo. Reid

P. S. upon examination I find Cap[t] Robinsons Roll is not here, however I shall sent it on with Cap[t] Cherrys

Cap[t] Josiah Gillman —

[See Volume XVI. pp. 226–233. — Ed.]

[R. 6–146] [*Certificate relative to Philemon Ducett.*]

Amherst April 10th 1782.

I hereby Certify that I was knowing to Philamon Dusetts hiring Saml O Neal to take his Place in the Army for during the war in Consequence Dusett was Discharg[d] by Col[o] Cilley.

J. Munroe Cap[t]

[R. 6–146] [*Relative to John Allen.*]

Exeter May the 1st 1782

John Allen who deserted the 1st N. Hamp. Reg[t] in May 1780 this day availed himself of Gen[l] Washingtons Proclamation and was pardoned provided he joins his Regiment with the Party who march Tomorrow — Jere: Fogg Cap[t]

[R. 6–146] [*Certificate relative to John Raino.*]

Exeter May 6th 1782 —

This certifies that John Raino a Soldier who deserted from the First New Hampshire Regiment in the year 1778 Joined the Army sometime in Feby last, has been sent out by Majer Scot and has taken up one or more deserters, and that he was lately at Camp

Jona Willard Lt

[R. 6–146] [*Statement of Prisoners from Canada.*]

Concord July 1st 1782

We the Subscribers having escaped from Canada and being on our way to Head Quarters do hereby acknowledge the Receipt of Nine Dollars and one half Dollar hard Money which we have received of Timo: Walker, Jr

John Guthrie Adjt
John Scott Lieut.
Jos Robinson Lieut.

[R. 6–148] [*Captain Frye to Ebenezer Thompson.*]

Sir — As I was appointed Muster Master for to Muster at Amherst agreeable to my Directions I herein enclose the whole of the mens Names and the Towns and Term they go for that were mustered till the fifteenth of this Instant I am Yours &c

Ebenr Frye Capt

To Mr Ebenezer Thompson Esqr

Pembroke 19th July 1782 —

[R. 6–150] [*Collector Jenison relative to Beef Cattle.*]

Walpol Augst 24 1782.

Honbel Sir I have Received yours of the 17th wheir in you inform me that mr Jewett is to Receve the Cattel, and in my first orders I was to put out said Cattel to Paster but Nothing said in respect of the pay and a line from your Honer derecting me in the matter will oblige your Honners most a bedant and Humbel Sarvant

John Jenison

Honbal M. Weare Presedant Committee of Safety

N. B. Sir their is Seavral towns that did git their Cattel redey three or four days after the time fixed by the General Assembly, but I darst not take them and they have desired me to a Quaint your Honer of it and they still Hold them on redeness and want that they may turn them in on the June tax and if they may be Receved I shold be glad if that you will menshen it in your letter to me Concerning the Pastering of the Cattel —

[R. 6–151] [*Certificate relating to Thomas Hunt.*]

This may Certify that Thomas Hunt a Soldier in the first New Hampshire Regiment Inlisted Febuary 2d 1778 for three years and January 22d 1780 he Inlisted for the war and has served ever since the Date of his first Inlistment without ever leaving the Regiment and is now Serving at this Post — Given under my hand this 7th Day of Sept 1782.

Jonathan Perkins Lieut —
H. Dearborn Lt Col Comdt

[R. 6–151] [*Supply Clapp's Resignation.*]

Portsmouth 9th Septr 1782.

Sr Having had the Honor of serving the State a number of years as Agent Victualler for the Troops stationed at Piscataqua Harbour, in wch station trust I have discharged my duty to the approbation of the Public, must now beg leave by writing to your Honor to ask a dismission from that office. I have but a very small Capital, and to have that, always advanced for the State, must soon reduce me to beggary. — I recd an order from the Honble Comtee of Safety, for some Beef Cattle, some of which I have recd but have not recd any money therefor as yet. — The Troops depend on me for bread &c, when it is not in my power to furnish them, and my holding the place, naturally draws their complaints. I shall be happy to close my accots with the Committee of Safety, if the Honble Court will please to direct it, as also my accot as Comy of Prisoners, which has been long standing.

In the meantime I rest Your Honors Most Obt Servt

Supply Clapp

Honble The Speaker of the Genl Assembly

[R. 6–152]

[*Letter from General Sullivan concerning Stephen Holland.*]

Durham September 10th 1782 —

Sir — I flatter myself that the honorable House will pardon my requesting a favor from them in behalf of Colo Stephen Holland Late of Londonderry; which is that his wife may be permitted to visit her Children at Londonderry, under such restrictions as the Genl assembly may think proper — however unjustifiable that Gentlemans Conduct may appear to me in a Political view; I cannot help feeling myself under some obligations to him while I was last in Congress, I had the misfortune to have a Brother captured by the enemy whose exertions in favor of the American Cause had rendered him an object for a British party: when he arrived in New York encompassed with all those distresses which are dealt out by a Barbarous Enemy Colo Holland interceded & obtained his release from prison, with Licence for him to walk on Long Island under Parole. Supplyed him with necessaries while there, & assisted in obtaining his Exchange, but while the Flag ship was in waiting for him a Sudden disorder siezed him, & put an end to his Life; Colo Holland attended to his interment, & gave me the first intelligence of his Death; and at the same time requested me to petition the assembly for Leave to be given Mrs Holland to visit her Children; which has been several times repeated by letter, under those circumstances I should be guilty of the greatest Ingratitude If I refused to make the request and perhaps of the most unwarrantable Conduct respecting my Country, if I zealously urged a matter which would be inconsistant with the Interest of the State or the Rules which have been Laid down by the assembly. — I am unable to conceive of any Injury which she could possibly do the State if the request was granted but of this I must confess myself an improper Judge. My request therefore only is that the assembly will give her permission unless it should appear to be dangerous to the State or inconsistent with Rules heretofore adopted in Like Cases. I have the honor to be with the most perfect esteem Sir

yr most obedt Servt

Jno° Sullivan

Honble John Langdon Esqr

[The foregoing is the letter referred to in Vol. VIII. p. 949, as not having been found. A committee was appointed by the Assembly, September 11 and 12, who reported against granting the request, and the matter went over to the next session. On November 15 the House of Representatives "Voted that the request be granted an that she have liberty to return to this State with two of her

daughters now with her, and continue in said State until the last day of March next and no longer, unless otherways ordered by the General Assembly or Committee of Safety for this State." Council concurred the next day. — ED.]

[R. 6–154] [*Committee of Safety to Board of War.*]

State of New Hampshire } In Committee of Safety Exeter Decr 7th 1782.

Gentlemen, As you have had the Settlement of the Sub Clothier and State Commissary Accounts in time past, it is the desire of this Committee that you would take under your Consideration the Account of Mr Jedidiah Jewett and see whether the same is charged in the manner in which you have settled with the others and agreeable to the votes of the general Assembly for that purpose and report your opinion to this Committee —

To the Board of War — M. Weare President

[*Answer.*]

Gentle^{n} Agreeable to your desire of 7th Decr last, presented this day, to examine the charges made by Mr Jedidiah Jewett as sub Clothier to this State Troops, do report, That in Settlement with Mr Joseph Leigh, who served the State in that Department, We passed his accounts wth like charges made by Mr Jewett, except, the charge of horse hire, (& Rations for himself & horse) The State having provided a horse equipt for the sub Clothier previous to Mr Jewetts appointment. The wages the same. — We conceive the charges of Mr Jewett, are consistent with the votes of the G^{l} Court of 13th & 20th Jany 1781, produced to us by Mr Jewett, submitting to your determination the amo^{t} of each charge. — We are respectfully Gent^{n} your most ob^{t} Serv^{ts} J. P. [John Penhallow]

Portsm^{o} Jany 30th 1783 — J. W. [Joshua Wentworth]

[R. 6–157] [*Officers' Petition.*]

State of New Hampshire } To the hon^{ble} the Council & House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in general Assembly convened feb^{y} 1783.

Humbly Shew the Subscribers officers in the Service of said State in the continental Army.

That the officers in said Line who were indulged with leave of Absence from said Army last winter received from your honors a Grant of two months pay towards the wages due to them for the year 1781 & the same officers or some of them at home now, have lately had a Grant of two months pay more towards their wages for the same year. And tho since our return this winter two months wages have been granted us — Yet as we had not the like indulgence & grant the last year as our Brethren, we humbly apprehend our absence from hence & being then upon *duty* ought not to operate against us, but that we ought to meet with the same favor from your honours as they have. We therefore pray that two months pay more may be granted us according to our respective Ranks towards the wages due to us for the said year — & as bound shall pray &c

Caleb Robinson Maj^{r}	Geo. P. Frost Capt
J. Mills Lieu^{t} & Adj^{t}	N. Weare Lieu^{t}
Joshua Merrow Lieu^{t}	John Adams Lieut

feb^{y} 28th 1783 —

[March 7, 1783, the Committee of Safety directed the treasurer to pay each of the foregoing petitioners two months' pay. — Ed.]

[R. 6–159] [*James Blanchard to Josiah Gilman.*]

Camp 24 Ap^{l} 1783

Sir After all that hath been said and done respecting 1781 — it is to be settled by the Continent, it now remains to have an account of the advances &c &c — I should be exceeding glad of a list of the officers of the line the time of their appointments time of service promotions &c — Signed by you as our *Subsistance* is to be taken up from the 1 of June 1778 — as the papers will be sent on. Please to Remember to send the Muster Rolls with my Book & a Copy of Doc^{r} Henrys account — also three receipts Signed by Samuel Norris, Selah How, & Asa Crawson — if I remember right I left them at the Treasurers but as they are Seperate from the orders that I Took out their notes for 1780 they will not be wanted as Vouchers — My best Respects to your Good Lady your Brother & his good Lady —

I am Sir most Respectfully Your H^{l} Servt

James Blanchard

[Addressed] Captain Josiah Gilman at Exeter

[R. 6–159] [*Moses Lock's Receipt.*]

Moses Lock a Soldier in the Continental Army Dr To 59 Bushels Indian corn delivered your Family in the year 1780, as a supply for that year by the Town of Epsom —

Mich[l] McClary } Select
Thomas Babb } Men

Epsom 20th May 1782

Recd the above Contents in full Moses Lock

[R. 6–161] [*Dr. Robert R. Henry to the Treasurer.*]

Sir. It appears in settling my account for the year eighty with Mr Blanchard I received a note to the amount of one hundred and ninety five pounds — which I think is not the sum due to me for that year by any means, after all the Clothing accounts are taken out — I send you a bill of such Clothing as I received for that year by Major Bass. I would inform you that from the 1st of Augt eighty the surgeons of the Army have received sixty five dollars per month which makes twenty five dollars more at any rate than is given me by note. if you will please to look over my account and see where the deficiency lays and rectify the mistake and send me the ballance due by Mr John Harvey I will esteem it as particular favor done me — I am with due respect your Most obediant and humble sert

Robt R. Henry surgeon N Hampshire Regt

To the Honorable the Treasurer for the state of N. Hampshire

N Windsor Cantonment May 16, 1783

[R. 6–163] [*Naval Officer Russell to President Weare*, 1783.]

Sir — Necessity obliges me again to mention the Naval affairs of the river — Tis with reluctance, for fear of being troublesome, but to omit it would be a breach of duty. For want of a sufficient guard at Fort point, every one that goes in & out do as they please below Fort Washington ; and their transactions are generally so quick and unexpected that they are gone before any legal steps can be taken.

I have often complained to the officers of the Fort, and am an-

swered that they have not men enough to do the duty. I have frequently applied to Mr Bell commanding at Fort point, who says he has but one man and scarce ammunition enough to deal with one small vessel. No person appear to be more honest & punctual in duty than Mr Bell and tis my wish he may be continued in that Station. He kept the small vessels in legal order while he had men to help him, but now they mock his authority. A number that Navigate small fishing Schooners at Newcastle, have declared off from the law, which only requires that they have a pass from the office ; and if I understand it, the penalties do not reach them — They now go out & in as they please. There are some reasons why every vessel however small, should be kept in subjection to Laws, such as paying respect to Government in their Offices and Fortifications — In times of embargo, which in the course of things may become necessary — And especially if ever duties or imposts are laid. Tis clear at present that some States loose much of their duties, by the smugling of small vessels, who are not looked after. But if the Honble general court should please wholly to liberate all *small* vessels used in fishing only, it would be very agreeable to me, as the fees (and I dont wish them raised) are no equivalent for the trouble that attends them — The fishermen have their passes for short periods, that they may be looked after and comply with the Law, and the yearly expence for one vessel, wont exceed six shillings.

I am also to mention Sir, that the vessels on Kittery Side, below fort Washington have renounced the Jurisdiction of New Hampshire and go out and in as they please — which cant be prevented, without fortifying the old point — For was our Law clear in its penalties it could not operate in the Massachusetts State. As the Jurisdiction of the river, ever belonged to Newhampshire, it seems a pitty to have it controverted, as its Trade will be greatly important to this State. Tis my settled study, as the only peice of public service a disordered constitution enables me to perform, to establish this office which in time will be of consequence, to keep its affairs in such a train, that public authority may have an insight into the exports & imports whenever they please, by only glancing at the books and so to regulate matters, agreeable to Law, as to make all parties easy. Laws had better not be made than left to be trampled on ; and if any alterations, or additions are made to Naval Laws it would be very desirable to have them so clearly expressed as to be easily executed, and not with too high penalties.

By permission of the Honorable Committee of Safety I have entered two vessels belonging to British subjects, and wish to be directed

whether vessels may be cleared for British ports, and also whether bonds are further necessary.

I am Sir your dutiful & most obed^{t} Servt

E. Russell

Naval Office at Portsmouth 5 June 1783

To the Honble President Weare

[Addressed] To the Honorable Meshech Weare Esqr President &c of the State of Newhampshire at Exeter

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[R. 6–164] [*Certificate relating to Phinehas Wentworth.*]

I do Certify that Phineas Wentworth a Draught from the New Hampshire Line into the Sappers & Miners August 1st 1780 has received since he Joined one months pay in New Emission at head of Elk March 3^{d} 1781 & one months pay in Specie at Elk on the way to the Seige of York Town 1781 and also pay for January 1783 and orders on the merchants for February March & April 1783 — his pay in the Corps is eight dollars & one third p^{r} Month

G. Bushnell Capt Comd^{t}

June 12th 1783 Sappers & Miners

Coms^{r} J. Hand

[R. 6–164]

[*Isaac Clement's Petition. Addressed to the General Assembly.*]

Humbly shews, Isaac Clement that your Petitioner engaged in the service of the United States for & during the war in the month of Novr 1780, with Lieu^{t} Hubbard Carter that he was then promised a Bounty of Fifty Dollars of the New Emission which was the Bounty promised by the State, that your Petitioner entered the Service and has since performed his Duty as a Serjeant in said Service but has not received his Bounty from Lieu^{t} Carter or any other person — Wherefore your Petitioner prays that your Honours would take his case into consideration, and grant him such relief as to your Honours shall seem meet, & your Petitioner as in Duty Bound Shall pray

Concord June 18th: 1783 — Isaac Clement

[R. 6–165] [*Certificate relative to William and John Ash.*]

Exeter August 5th 1783.

William Ash inlisted last winter in the room & place of his brother John Ash who was a deserter from the 1st New Hampshire Regt and was afterwards received and accepted at camp —

Henry Dearborn —

To the Committee on Soldiers Accounts.

[R. 6–165] [*Certificate relative to Lieutenant Hoit.*]

Exeter Septr 5th 1783

Lt Nathan Hoit of the 3d New Hampshire Regt was appointed, Quartermaster to said Regt about the 1st of August 1778 & continued to do that duty until the 15th of Sept 1780 —

Henry Dearborn
late Lt Col Comdt

[R. 6–166] [*Certificate relative to Jacob Morse.*]

This may Certify that Jacob Morse fifer in the 1st New Hampshire Regt having Deserted and was taken up Brought to his Regiment and Did his duty again

Exeter Octr 24th 1783 — J. Mills Lieut

[R. 6–167]

[*General Stark to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.*]

Derryfield Novr 6th 1783

Dear Sir — I would have waited on the Court this week but am unfortunately taken lame that I cannot Ride; I would be exceedingly glad if I might have an order on the Treasurer (for that money the Court Voted me almost two years ago) that would be effectual: as the order which I received of the President last winter has never yet been answered, nor do I think it ever will, in the Terms it is now Couched in, the Treasurer denying that the state of the Treasury will admit of the payment as often as the order is presented.

I send the order to be presented herewith, hoping that the honourable the Court will please to cause it to be renewed in more pointed terms and if all the money Cannot be had immediately, I would be glad to have an order on the last years Constable, for the town of Derryfield for forty Pounds of the sum. I am sir with great Respect and Esteem your honours most humble and obedient servant —

John Stark.

N. B. the Court ordered a Committee on the business last summer but before they could Report the court was adjourned & the business left unsettled —

[R. 6–168] [*Certificate relative to Nathan Berry & Others.*]

This may Certefey That Nathen Berry a number of others which war Sogers at fort Washington Capt Solter Comander went away for want of Preveson & raceons which are Turned in Desarters Which Never Negelit Thear Dutcy Simeon Akarman

Portsm^{o} 24 November 1783

[R. 6–168] [*General Sullivan to the Speaker of the House.*]

Durham Decem^{r} 3^{d} 1783

Sir — As my Journey to Annapolis will prevent my attending the General Court, on the day appointed for the hearing my Petition in behalf of Capt Jno Paul Jones — I have taken the liberty to send by Mr Ebenezer Smith some Depositions relative to Mr Hoggs Conduct and requested him to answer in my behalf — my only wish is That Capt Jones may have a Trial of the merits as he was defaulted by mistake & in my opinion contrary to the Laws of the State as he was then in actual service — By the Depositions from Philadelphia it will appear that Mr Hogg by desertion forfeited his whole wages but even if that was not the case Capt Jones could be no more Liable to such an action than a Commanding officer is to the suits of his soldiers. Mr Hogg pretends that the ship which Capt Jones commanded was private property but surely any person in the Least acquainted with the American affairs must be sensible that his assertion has no foundation in truth. I know that she has ever been considered as a vessel of war in the service of the united States, by Congress : & the officers & men had Rank Rations & pay the same as in other of our ships of war

— But even if she was a private ship I know of no Law by which a Commander is made Liable for the wages of the marriners unless by special Contract — and even if it was possible for him to prove such agreement it must have been forfeited by Mr Hoggs Desertion, which is fully proved by the Testimonies which Mr Smith will lay before the assembly — I Therefore flatter myself that upon every possible view of the Case the assembly must be satisfied that Mr Hoggs suit is vexatious & that a Recovery against Capt Jones would be unjust; & I have too high an opinion of the Justice of our Legislature to suppose that so reasonable a request as that of granting an injured officer a fair tryal will admit of dispute —

I have the honor to be with the most perfect esteem sir
your most obedt servt

Jno Sullivan

Honble Speaker of the Assembly

[R. 6–170]

[Report of a committee relative to the forts in Piscataqua Harbor. Printed in Vol. VIII. p. 978. — Ed.]

[R. 6–171]

[*Vote relative to obtaining the Names of New Hampshire Men who served in the Regiments of other States.*]

State of New Hampr } In house of Representatives Jany 3 — 1784

Voted that the Secretary of this State be Directed to Request of the Secretary at war at Philadelphia an accurate Return of all the men that Served the united States as Soldiers in any Regiment or Core not Raised by this State, & that was Reckoned towards the Quota of this State, Should be made as soon as may be together with an account of whatever such Soldiers have Received of the United States —

Sent up for Concurrence —

John Dudley Speaker

In Council the same day read & Concurred

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[R. 6–172] [*Certificate relative to Captain Asa Senter.*]

Exeter February 6th 1784

Capt Senter was promoted to a Captain May 12th 1781 — vice Capt Sartwell resign'd, Capt Senter was in the New Hampshire line, in 1777, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, and onward —

Henry Dearborn
Late Lt Col. Comdt 1st N. H. Regt

To whome it may concern —

[R. 6–172] [*Soldiers' Petition Relative to Pay, etc.*, 1784.]

To the Honourable President Council and Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Newhampshire. Greeting —

The petition of us the Subscribers Humbley Sheweth that we whose names are hereunto affixed having our minds much attached to the Good and well fair of our Native Cuntry and being Solicited by some of the principle men belonging in different towns in the County of Cheshire to engage for a Certain Term of time in the Continental Service which we did upon Condition of Certain Sums of money being paid to us in hand and Ingaged to be paid Exclusive of States or Continental Bounty by some of the Principle men of the Diferent towns we did engage. Never thinking or expecting to have any part thereof Deducted or taken out of our wages Nevertheless the Honourable Legislative Body saw fitt to take the same out of our wages and Credited the several towns we went for the same Beside we ware Decived in a nother Respect we Inlisted in the year 1778 for two years onley and Recived from under the hands of the Committees we went for that we ware Engaged for two years onley as hay had provided one years men the year before and the officers whose Inlistment we Sign'd knew it. Nevertheless thay Returned us for three years and we ware oblige to serve that time which Gentlemen seems to be a hardship and Cruel but we pray the Honourable Legislative Body will once more take it into Consideration and Consider the many Hardships and Dangers the poor Soldier has had to undergo how we have bin oblidged to under sell our States Security for want of Hard money. Sometimes as it ware for a triffle both when we ware in the army and since we have Returned home we cannot but flatter ourselves yt your Honours will take it once more Into Serious Consideration the Reasonable Nature of the

Request your Honours will provide a Remidy by some means or other whareby the poor Suffering Soldier may be Remidied and have Restitution for what was takeing out of our wages which we actually Recived and took for Hire which is the earnest Request and Desire of us the Subscribers your Honour's Humble Petitioners who in Duty Bound do ever pray

March 1th 1784

Joel Andres [Swanzey]
John Symonds [Richmond]
Noah Porter [Richmond]
Levi Symonds [Swanzey]
Silas Symonds [Swanzey]

[In settling the depreciation of pay with the soldiers, all extra bounties paid the men by the several towns were deducted from the amount paid them. — Ed.]

[R. 6–173] [*Certificate relative to Thomas Kemp.*]

Boston 16 March 1784

This may certify that Lieut Thomas Kemp of the Regt of Artillery Artificers Commanded by Colol Benja Flowers, was stationed at Springfield under my Command from the 1st Novemr 1779 to the 18 March 1780 —

Joseph Eayrs Late Major of artificers

[Another certificate in the same terms relates to Lieutenant Nathan Wesson. Both were Hollis men. — Ed.]

[R. 6–174]

[Petition of Isaac Warren, of Medford, Mass., father of Thomas Warren, of Captain Carr's company, in 1777. Dated March, 1784.]

[R. 6–173]

[Petition of Ebenezer Lowell, of Colonel Mooney's regiment, in 1779, for his pay. Dated April 10, 1784.]

[R. 6–175] [*Relative to Depreciation Accounts.*]

State of New Hamp^{r} } Office for Settling Depreciation Exeter May 8th 1784 —

I hereby Certify that Lieu^{t} James Blanchard Pay Master to the Second New Hampshire Regiment has lodged an account in this Office against the Officers and Soldiers of said Regiment for ten thousand three hundred and Seventy six Dollars & eighty two ninetieths of a dollar, of the New Emission, paid them in May & June 1781. Also an Acc^{t} for Four hundred and eighty three dollars of said New Emission paid them in the Month of September following, making in the whole 10,859$\frac{82}{90}$ Dollars, which are charged to them in their Depreciation Accounts, at the Rates certified by John Peirce Esqr Pay Mas^{tr} Genl viz in May & June at Two & an half for One, and September at Four for One —

Joseph Gilman
One of the Committee for Settling depreciation

[R. 6–176 to 178]

[These documents are a bill of Ebenezer Brewster, of Hanover, against the State, for supplies furnished the militia at the time Royalton was attacked in 1780, and the depositions of Nathaniel Hall, Moses Brigham, and John Barrett substantiating the same. — Ed.]

[R. 6–179] [*Certificate relative to Samuel Lowell.*]

This may Certify that Samuel Lowell was in the Service of the United States in Kanedy in the year 1776 and he was Taken Prisoner by the British on the 15th Day of June 1776 and was a Prisoner from the 15th Day of June to the 25th Day of September following when he was set a shore at Elizabeth Town in the Jersies and also he came from the Jerseys with me and Bore his own Expenses till I left him Sick in a Town Joining or next to Salsbury in Connecticut

Putney June ye 26th 1784 Daniel Warner

[Sworn to before Noah Sabin, Jr., at Putney the same day. — Ed.]

[R. 6–180]

[This document is a copy of Lieutenant Meshech Bell's return of military stores at "Fort Point," July 17, 1784.]

[R. 6–181]

[Memorial of Jedidiah Jewett relative to collecting pay for some beef cattle, sold by him for the State to David Hillhouse, of Connecticut.]

[R. 6–182] [*Rev. Israel Evans to President Weare.*]

Portsmouth Octo: 14th 1784

Sir The resolutions of Congress which I take the Liberty of enclosing, will inform your Excellency, that the United States in Congress assembled, have directed me to look up to the State of New Hampshire, and to request a settlement for that pay which is due for my Services at Champlain, from the first of January 1777 to the first of August 1780. — and here I beg leave to observe, that when I made application to the Congress for the Settlement above mentioned, it was the meaning and intention of all the members of Congress with whom I conversed, and especially of those who represented this State, that, the Settlement of my accounts should begin & conclude with the same periods of time which were observed, when the other officers of this State were settled with —

Were I not afraid of intruding too much on the time and goodness of your Excellency, I should be induced to show that many circumstances of necessity, both in time past and at this moment, urge me to beg that my request, and the resolution of Congress, may be complied with; having been destitute of that Support, which other officers have obtained from Notes of depreciation, I found myself oftentimes not far from a very suffering condition.

The long time in which I have been destitute of that little emolument, which I so much needed, and the many hundreds of Miles, which I have travelled for the sake of it, with no small expence; The great length of time which I have waited for the present opportunity; my unwearied, and long Services, in the cause of our country, during more than eight years; these Considerations all plead for me, and give me reason to hope that the Honorable Legislature, will hear my petition and answer it favorably —

Should a Settlement take place agreeable to my desire I cannot help making one request more and it is, that the Interest due, may be paid in such money as will be of immediate Service to me, on my long Journey —

A Representation from your Excellency, to the Honorable Legislature agreeably to what I have requested, will very much benefit, and oblige Your Excellencys most obedient & most humble Servant

Israel Evans

His Excellency President Weare

[R. 6–183] [*Certificate relative to Jacob Bonney.*]

Charlestown October 15th 1784

This Certifies that Jacob Bonney Inlisted into the Continental Service in Colº Cilleys Regiment, and my Company the Tenth Day of May 1777 & continued in said service Till July 17th 1778 agreeable to the Returns

I. Farwell Capt

[R. 6–184]

[Petition of Lieutenants Thomas Kemp and Nathan Wesson, of Hollis, who served in Captain Nathaniel Chapman's company, Colonel Benjamin Flowers's regiment of artillery and artificers. They stated that they had received no pay from November 1, 1779, to August 1, 1780. — Ed.]

[R. 6–183]

Exeter October 21st 1784

This certifies that Nathaniel Chapman, a Captain in Col Flowers Regt of Artillery Artificers was made up for the depreciation of his wages in the State of Massachusetts, and those privates who belonged to that State, who inlisted for three years or During the War

Stephen Gorham

The pay of a Lieut of Artillery Artificers was to the first June 1778 Eight pounds ℔ month from the first June 1778 Ten pounds ℔ month

Whom it may Concern

[R. 6–185] [*Order of Edward Burrows.*]

To his Excellency the President of the State of New Hampshire — Sir please to pay James Norris or his Order all that is Due to me for my Service in Capt. Woodman Company in Col[l] Runllis Reigment it being for value Rec[d]

Witness Jon[a] Norris Edward Burrows

Jan[y] 13, 1785 — 4. 3. 4

[R. 6–186] [*Order from the Selectmen of Derryfield.*]

Derryfield April 15 Day 1785

To the Committee on Claims — or the Treasurer for the State of New Hampshire Please to Pay or Discount John Perham Constable for the Town of Derryfield for the year 1783 the money that is Due from the State to the Town on account of the Bounty that the Town Paid to Ebenezer Numan, a Soldier in the Continental army for one year, and this order shall Discharge you for the same

John Goffe }
Will[m] Perham } Select Men
Samuel Stark } Derryfield.

Exeter 6 May 1785

Then received an order on the Treasurer to pay by Discount out of the Taxes to the Selectmen of Derryfield the Sum of Twenty pounds for a Bounty & Supplies advanced to Ebenezer Newman a private in the 3[d] Reg in behalf of John Perham Constable

Joseph Sanders

[R. 6–190]

[*Ebenezer Green's Petition relative to his Imprisonment.*]

State of New Hamp[r] }
Grafton ss } To the Hon[l] the Senate and house of Representatives of said State in General Court Convened at Concord the third Wednesday of October 1785

Humbly Sheweth the petition of Ebenezer Green that on the Nineteenth day of May 1776 he was unfortunately taken prisoner In the Government of Canada, and left in the hands of the Enemy as a Hostage by General Arnold then Commander of the American Forces in that quarter — and continued a prisoner until the ninth day of

February 1782 When your petitioner was exchanged as may appear by the Certificate thereof which accompanys this petition —

Wherefore your petitioner prays that your Honors will order a Settlement be made with him and that he have order for the payment of what may be due to him agreeably to the Resolutions of Congress of the 25th May 1780 and January 1782 — and your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray — Ebenr Green

[In House of Representatives, November 9, 1785, the Committee on Depreciation were directed to settle the balance of said Green's account for wages and depreciation allowed him by a resolve of Congress while in said service, and during his being a hostage. See Vol. XII. p. 505. — Ed.]

[R. 6–191] [*Colonel Bellows to the Speaker of the House.*]

Hond Sir Having but lately heard that a Resolve of the Court is Passed that all accounts against the State should be brought in at October Session, or be Debarred from Presenting them afterwards — I have some returns of the Regiment I had the Honour to Command on an alarm in October in the year 1780 to Royalton and Coos. But the Returns of some of the Towns are mislaid so that I cannot find them to make them up, at so short notice as I have been favored with. If the Court would be so indulgent as to Lengthen out the Term untill the next session (in case any allowance is made for such services) shall take it as a Favor granted to your Honor's most obedient Huml Servt Benja Bellows

Walpole Octr 17th 1785

To Honble Speaker of the House of Representatives at Concord.

[R. 6–192]

[*Petition of Soldiers who were Captured at the Cedars.*]

To the Honorable Senate and house of Representatives to be held at Concord in the State of New hampshire on Tuesday the Eighteenth day of October 1785 —

The Petition of the subscribers, Humbly Sheweth how barbarously and inhumanly we and our Company had been treated when we unhappily fell into the hands of our avowed Enemies at the Cedars in Canada, the 19th of May — 1776. Agreeable to a capitulation made with Captain Foster of the British Army, we were to surrender our-

selves as prisoners of war and to deliver our fire arms, which accordingly we did, and each man of us was to occupy and enjoy his private property, without any interruption molestation or abuse under any pretence whatsoever — But contrary to the rules of piety and Justice, and in open violation of the promise made to us, we had been treacherously robed, and totally stript of every individual thing we possessed by the most inexorable and unrelenting Savages, who are destitute of the least sensation of humanity & Compation, it is morally impossible to Conceive or form a true Idea of their cruel & barbarous treatment to us, while under their unmerciful subjection some of us had been stript of our very shirts: and every punishment inflicted on us that their barbarity could invent or suggest, a Malencolly circumstance that the true born sons of liberty should be thus insulted and abused by such brutal savages — Worthy Gentlemen, our losses were considerable, being stript of our arms and Clothing and Exposed to the greatest hardships and extremities, destitute both of money and clothes — nay even of the Common necessaries of life; and really we were not induced or influenced by any views or incouragement to undergo or expose ourselves to these calamities But actuated merely for the love of our Country and to defend the american cause, with undaunted Courage and resolution, as much as in us lay considering what a glorious cause we had to support therefore stimulated and animated with these pleasing and laudable motives we did not Hesitate to sacrifice our lifes in the defence of our Country — Most Honble Gentleman. Thus we your Humble petitioners state the case of our losses & calamities before you which were relative and peculiar to us, therefore with submission we apply for redress, in humble expectation that your generosity disinterested integrity, and fidelity, and the Justness of our cause will Efficaciously prevail with you to restore to us our losses and in so doing we your humble petitioners as in duty Bound will ever pray —

N. B. the petitioners above refered to belonged to Captain Daniel Wilkins's Company, & Col^{l} Timothy Beadles Reg^{t}

Daniel Wilkins	Samuel Boyd	Robert Campbel
Joseph Lovejoy	John Mills	James Caldwell
Josiah Warring	William Bradford	Benj^{a} Dike

[See Vol. XII. p. 661; Vol. XIV. p. 476. — Ed.]

[R. 6–193]

[This document is a petition of John Dusten for relief. Dated October 24, 1785. He was confined in Portsmouth jail for debt. — Ed.]

[R. 6–194]

[*Petition from New Hampshire Men who served in Colonel Benjamin Flowers's Regiment of Artillery.*]

To the Hon[l] Senate & House of Representatives for the State of New Hampshire in Gen[l] Court convened at Portsmouth in said State the first Wednesday of February 1786 —

The Petition of William Addams Jacob Taylor David Ames William Brooks Jun[r] Solomon Hobart John Brooks Humbly Sheweth that we your Petitioners enlisted into the Continental Service in Col[o] Benjamin Flowers's Regiment of Artillery and Artificers in Cap[t] Nathaniel Chapman's Company, on the first day of Sept[r] 1778, & served faithfully in said Reg[t] until March 18th 1780 — for which Service we have not rec[d] the full of our wages nor any Depreciation. Wherefore we pray that your Honours would take our Case into your wise Consideration and make us such a Compensation for said service or Redress our Grievance in such way as your Honours in Wisdom shall see fit, and your Humble Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray —

William Brooks Ju[r]	David Ames	John Brooks
William Adams	Solomon Hobart	JacoB Taylor

[6–195]

Springfield March the 18, 1780 —

This is to Sertify that William Brooks hath Sarved as Serjant In Col[o] Benj[n] Flower's Regt of Artillery and Artificers and in Cap[t] Nath[l] Chapman's Companey From Sep[r] the 1st 1778 to this Instant, Which fulfills the time of his Inlistment. And he is Lagally Discharged From the Same

Joseph Eayrs
Maj of A and A

[Similar certificates were furnished the others, William Adams as corporal, and the remainder as privates. In the House of Representatives, March 2, 1786, it was voted to allow the foregoing named men the depreciation of their wages, in the same manner as those who served in the New Hampshire line, provided they had not been paid by the State of Massachusetts. The Senate concurred. — Ed.]

[R. 6–199–203]

[Petition of Thomas Clark, Captain House's company, Colonel Cilley's regiment, in which he states that he enlisted in April, 1777, and was wounded at Stillwater, September 19, 1777, and did not recover until 1781. He further stated that he hired one Robert Stevenson to take his place, paying him $200, hard money. He was attended by "Joseph Clark Surg^{n}" and "John Crocker M. D." of "Richmont in Berkshire County." A letter dated November 25, 1785, is addressed to him at Stockbridge, N. Y. — Ed.]

[R. 6–204]

[Petition of Hugh McKeen and Alexander Brown, stating that they were taken prisoners at the Cedars, and wanted compensation for their losses. — Ed.]

[R. 6–205] [*Relative to Noah Marsh.*]

This may Certify that Noah Marsh was a private in my Comp'y in 2^{d} N. H. Reg^{t} in 1777, & suppose he received a wound in his hand in Octr of said year in defence of the United States —

Exeter Sep^{t} 27th 1786 Caleb Robinson

N. B. said Marsh was in 3 years service —

I did not see said Marsh wounded but I saw him in the Hospitall the next day after the action, and saw his wound

Jon^{a} Cass

[R. 6–205]

[Petition of Captain David Place, December, 1786, who was in Colonel James Reed's regiment, and had the small-pox. He wante allowance. — Ed.]

[R. 6–206] [*Colonel George Reid relative to Samuel French.*]

Londonderry 4th April 1787

Sir The bearer Saml French was taken prisoner near Mohawk river in the summer of 82 has been a captive with the Indians since that time untill about a month ago that he arrived home He wishes

to know how he can obtain his wages, I have directed him to you who can inform him what measures to take respecting it, he belonged to Capt Moses Dustons Comp'y 2nd N. Hampr Regt —

I am with the highest esteem your Hble Servt

Geo Reid

Joseph Gilman Esqr Exeter

[R. 6–208] [*Relative to a Bridge in Piscataqua Harbor.*]

I Ebenezer Dearing hereby certify that in the year 1776 I commanded a company of N. Hampshire troops stationed at Portsmouth and that said Company under my command took down & removed about fifty rods of stone wall from Henzells Island in Piscataqua harbour, & used the stones in constructing a bridge to Peirces Island by orders from the commanding officer —

Ebenezer Dearing

Portsmo' Feb'y 2d 1789

[R. 6–209]

[Petition of Daniel Putnam, dated January 20, 1791. He stated that he was in Bedel's regiment in 1776, was taken sick near the "walls of Quebeck," and left behind without any one to take care of him; had his effects stolen, for which he wanted compensation. — Ed.]

[R. 6–210]

[Petition of Edward Burnham, of Durham, for pay and depreciation. Dated December 25, 1793. He presented a deposition of Valentine Mathes, to the effect that he was at home sick about one year. — Ed.]

[R. 6–212]

[Petition of John Vance, dated June, 1793, stating that he enlisted in Colonel Henry Jackson's regiment July 20, 1777, and served as sergeant until April 3, 1780; was credited to this State, but had not been paid. He was allowed £66. 6. 0 for depreciation of his wages. — Ed.]

[R. 6–215]

[*Remonstrance against the Deduction of Bounties paid by Towns, from the Depreciation of Pay allowed to Soldiers.*]

To the honorable Senate and house of Representatives in Gen[l] Court Conven'd on the first Wednesday of June Instant — Humbly Shews that Noah Porter, Moses S. George, Lemuel Rice, W[m] Sisco, Tho[s] Grush, Giles Kelsey, Samuel Sisco, Sam[l] Judkins, and Naboth Betterson, that in the time of the late war with Great Britain your Petitioners for the sake of promoting our independency and at the same time procuring to themselves some small sum in part to compensate them for the fatigue and hardship of the life of a Soldier engaged and served in said war for the term of three years, they being sensible that fourty shillings a month was no kind of compensation for such a fatiguing and expensive life as it then was and conscious that the small sum fourty shillings per month was not so large a sum as was absolutely necessary to be expended by the soldier or otherwise he must suffer for necessaries which he was never allowed or never could get from the public — being well convinced of these facts before we inlisted and being under no obligation to turn out in defence of our rich neighbours we refused so to do unless some person or persons whose interest it was more particularly would give us a hire over and above what was or ever might be allowed by the Public, whereupon certain sums were agreed to be given us by certain towns and by individuals to induce us to engage in said war for the term of three years — whereupon we engaged and served the same term and were honorably discharged. But will your honors believe us when we assure you that when we returned home to our very great surprize found that the General Court had ordered or given liberty to the towns from whence we went, tho' some of us were hired by individuals in the towns, to stop the money which they had given us out of our wages and depreciation and thereby as we conceive did not only suffer but did by law countenance a breach of contract on the part of the towns without our being heard on the subject — Will your honors suffer us to ask you what the consequence would have been had we broken our contracts with the towns and individuals and deserted from the army would we have been justified if not why were they justified in breaking their contract with us we think they are not unless your honors should substitute Power for Justice which we conceive your honors will not — Your Petitioners do not expect to be heard for their much speaking therefore conclude with praying your honors to take their hard case into consideration and in as much as

the General Court did once interfere in the business by means whereof we were deprived of our money by reason of the towns and individuals with whom we contracted have taken the advantage of the order of the said General Court and have gotten our money — and point out some method by which we may now obtain it and the interest or grant such relief in the premises as to your honors may appear just, and we in duty bound shall ever Pray —

Amherst June 4th 1794 — Sam[l] Stone
Attorney to the foregoing Petitioners

[On the 13th of the same month Mr. Stone introduced another petition of similar nature [R. 6–216] containing in addition to the foregoing the following names: Nathaniel Powers, Joseph Powers, Abner Powers, Joshua Jay Prime, Benjamin Ellis, Asa Bundy, Stephen Jennings, Ephraim Jennings, Bunker Clark, Oliver Bacon, Thomas Dodge, John Dodge, Silas Symonds, Levi Symonds, Pelatiah Razey, Nathaniel Mann, Robert Mann, James White, Simeon Powers, Caleb Hunt, Zadoc Dodge, Eleazer Haywood, Peter Towzer, Henry Stevens, John Curtice, John Dodge 2d, Asa Stearns, Daniel Stearns, and Samuel Bates. The prayer of the latter petition was that the petitioners might have a grant of some state land. — Ed.]

[R. 6–217]

[Order from Stephen Baxter, of Foster, R. I., dated October 27, 1795, asking that the wages due his father, Thomas Baxter, deceased, a soldier in the New Hampshire line, may be paid to John Harvey. — Ed.]

[R. 6–218]

[This document is a long petition, dated January 1, 1794, from General Stark, relative to some state notes by him held. — Ed.]

[R. 6–219]

[Petition from Jabez Holt, dated November, 1796, asking pay for his loss when taken prisoner at the Cedars. He was in Captain Daniel Wilkins's company. — Ed.]

[R. 6–220]

[*Petition from John Powell and Nehemiah Lovell.*]

To the Honble the General Court of the State of New Hampshire — The petition of John Powell of Strafford in the county of Orange & State of Vermont and Nehemiah Lovell of Newbury in said county Humbly sheweth — That your Petitioners were sent into Canada by order of Col. Timothy Bedel in the year 1777 the said John being then a Lieutenant & said Nehemiah an Ensign as a flagg of truce and were detained by British authority as spies nearly one whole year by reason of offence taken by Genl Carleton in consequence of the death of Col Gordon who was slain near St Johns at a time when the United States had a flagg in the Garrison of St Johns. During our captivity we underwent a great degree of anxiety & pain of mind & were forced to bear the insults offered us by our enemies — and were entirely destitute of the necessaries of life being almost naked; & having nothing wherewith we were enabled to make purchases were forced by extremities in order to obtain relief to draw our set of bills of exchange payable to James Freeman for value received of Constant Freeman on Col. Timothy Bedel the officer who ordered us out, for the sum of fifty Spanish milled dollars which set of bills were dated June 30th 1778 at Quebec which sum so received of said Constant we applied to the supplying necessaries for sick fellow prisoners & for our own support — all which we did under a conviction that said Bedel would accept and pay said bills in behalf of & for the State of New Hampshire and after that time supposed they were so paid until the year 1793 when an action was commenced against us by said Constant upon said bills at the Inferior court of common pleas for the County of Cheshire in said State at their Septr term in said year and after contesting the action from court to court in pursuance of & in conformity to advice of council Judgment was finally rendered against us upon a verdict of Jury at the Sup^{r} court in said county of Cheshire June term by adjournment from their May term 1795. — Upon which judgment execution hath issued for the sum of one hundred dollars seventy five cents damage and thirty two dollars fifty eight cents cost of suit — which execution your petitioners have been obliged to discharge & have discharged — Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your honors to take our unhappy case under your consideration as we are destitute of all hope of relief, which we consider as our just due, unless your honors in your wisdom shall see fit to assist us —

Resting assured that your honors will not suffer individuals to be injured in their private interest & in their persons for the benefit

of the public without a compensation we pray your honors to grant us the amount of said execution with the costs & compensation for our expence in prosecuting said suit with such other sum or sums as in your wisdom you may esteem equitable & proper

And as your petitioners in duty bound will ever pray

John Powell for himself and
Nehemiah Lovell

[The Legislature voted that the petitioners had no just claim against the State, and gave them "leave to withdraw."— Ed.]

[Morris and John Millet were in the service for the town of Temple. John was returned as dead in one of Captain William Scott's monthly returns, now on file in the Bureau of Pensions at Washington, and in the town returns printed in Vol. XVI. p. 521. That he was not dead is proved by the following testimony:

In 1818 he was residing in Arundel, Maine, and applied for a pension, making a declaration from which the following extract is taken: "Sometime in the month of March, 1777, he enlisted under a recruiting officer belonging to the New Hampshire Troops for the term of three years or during the war, and immediately proceeded to Ticonderoga, where he was under a captain of the name of William Scott, and in the regiment commanded by Col° Joseph Cilley . . . . Sometime in Decr 1778 when being sick, and in a state of mental derangement, he received a furlough for Forty days, and was brought home by his brother who was a Sergeant in Said Company, and not again recovering his health for a year or more he did not return to the Army"—The monthly return of Captain Scott's company for November, 1778, on file in the Pension Bureau, shows that John Millet was furloughed on the twentieth day of that month. His widow, who was living in Kennebunkport, Maine, in 1853, stated in a paper relating to her pension, that her husband was born in Gloucester, Mass., in 1761, and died December 10, 1840. This information and the following deposition are kindly furnished by General James B. Coit, of the Pension Bureau, at Washington. — Ed.]

[*Deposition relative to John Millet.*]

I Robert B. Wilkins of Concord in the County of Rockingham, in the State of New Hampshire on oath do declare that I was a Lieut.

in the 2d. New Hampshire Regt. Commanded by Col. George Reid in the Continental Revolutionary Army and was personally acquainted with John Millet who was a soldier in Capt. William Scotts company in the first New Hampshire Regt. Commanded by Col. Joseph Cilley. I became acquainted with him at the opening of the Campaign of 1777 he was in the battle at Bemis Heights on the 19th of September 1777 and in battle on the 7th. of October near the same place and in the same year and continued faithfully to serve in said company and Regt. which was cantooned at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania the winter of 1778 and was marched to Hartford in Connecticut in the fall of said year and was there taken with a mental derangement which continued for a considerable time and he was furloughed and did not to my knowledge join said Company again and I was informed by his brother Morris Millet who was a Sergeant in said Company that John his brother was dead. But afterwards I was informed that it was a mistake, and that he had recovered his health and senses, I think he was returned dead in the Weekly returns and Muster Rolls, however I am positive that he continued to serve eighteen months in the years 1777 & 1778 and I know that John Millet of Arundel in the district of Main now in my presance is the Identical man which did the service above Stated.

Robert B. Wilkins.

Subscribed and sworn to, June 12th, 1819.

PART II.

TRANSCRIPTS FROM ANCIENT DOCUMENTS

IN THE ENGLISH ARCHIVES IN LONDON.

[COPIES FROM ANCIENT ENGLISH DOCUMENTS.

The following documents were copied from papers among the English Archives in London, under the supervision and at the expense of the late John Scribner Jenness, of Portsmouth. Mr. Jenness caused a few copies to be printed, but none are now to be obtained; and as the papers give much light concerning the early history of New Hampshire, which is nowhere else to be found in this country, and for which there is considerable demand among historical students, it has been deemed best to print them in this volume.

Much credit is due to Mr. Jenness for procuring these transcripts, and rendering them available to the public.

Many other documents relating to New Hampshire, of dates subsequent to these, are to be found in the English Archives. The Historical Society of New Hampshire has obtained copies of some of them, and a calendar of many others, which it is hoped will be printed in the near future, and the matter they contain thus made accessible to our citizens. — Ed.]

Colonial Entry Book. Vol. 59, *pp.* 115–121.

[November 17, 1629.]

The Grant of the Province of Laconia to Sr Ferdinando Gorges Capt Jno Mason, 17th Novr 1629.

This Indenture made ye Seaventeenth day of November Ano Domi 1629, 5th of Charles Between ye President & Councell of New England on ye one partie & S^{r} fferdinando Gorges of London Knt & Capt John Mason of London Esqr on ye other partie Wittesseth y^{t} whereas King James for ye making of a plantacon and establishing of a Colony or Colonys in ye Country called or known by ye name of New England in Americka did by letters pattents bearing date 3rd Novem-

ber 18th of his reign grant unto ye right honble Lodowick Duke of Lenox George Marques of Buckingham James Lord Marques of Hamilton Thomas Earl of Arundel Robert Earl of Warwick Sr Ferdinando Gorges Knt & divers others whose names are expressed in the said letters pattents their heires and assigness and that they shall be known by the name of the President & Councell established at Plymouth for planting &c of New England in America Did grant unto the President & Councell & their Successors All that part and porcon of yt Countrey now comonly called New England &c &c to have and possess the same to them their successors for ever to be holden of his majesties manor of East Greenwich in ye County of Kent in free and comon soccage & not in Capite or by Knights service Yeelding and paying to his Majesty the 5th part of all gold & silver oare that may be obtained from the same.

Now this Indenture wittnesseth yt ye sd president & Councell of their full free & mutuall consent as well to ye end yt all ye lands woodes lakes loucks rivers watters Islands & fishings with all other ye traficques proffits & comodityes whatsoever to them or any of them belonging and hereafter in these ꝑnts menconed may be wholy & intirely invested appropriated severed & settled in & upon ye sd Sr fferdinando Gorges & Capt John Mason there heires &c forever, for the advancemt of ye sd plantation and other good and Sufficient causes & considerations them especially thereunto moveing have granted &c unto ye sd Sr fferdinando Gorges and Capt John Mason their heirs & assignes & to their Associates & such as they shall alow of & take in to adventure & joine wth them in their plantacons traficques & discoveryes in ye parts heereafter expressed and their heirs and assignes according to Contracts wth them to be made All those lands & Countrys lying adjacent or bordering upon the great lake or lakes or rivers commonly called or knowen by ye name of ye river & lake or rivers & lakes of ye Irroquois a nation or nations of salvage people inhabiting up into ye landwards betwixt ye lines of west & North west conceived to passe or lead upwards from ye rivers of Sagadahock & Merrimack in ye Country of New England aforesd Together also wth ye lakes & rivers of ye Irroquois & other nations adjoyning ye midle part of wch lakes is scittuate & lying neerabout ye latitude of fourty four or fourty five degrees reckon'd from ye Equinoctial line Northwards as alsoe all ye lands soyls & grounds wth in tenn miles of any part of ye said lakes or rivers on ye South or East part thereof, & from ye west end or sides of ye sd lakes & rivers soe farre forth to ye west as shall extend halfway into ye next great lake to ye West wards & from thence Northwards unto ye North side of ye maine river wch runeth from ye great & vast Westerne lakes & falleth unto ye river of Canada,

including all ye Islands wth in ye precinct or perambulacon described As alsoe all ye lands sole grounds havens ports rivers mines mineralls pearls & pretious Stones woods Quarrys marshes watters fishings hunting hawing fowling trade & traficque wth ye Solvages & other comodityes & hereditam^{ts} w^{t}soever wth all & singular their appurtences together wth all prerogatives rights royalty Jurisdicons priviledges franchises preheminences libertyes Marine power in & upon ye sd rivers & lakes As alsoe all escheats & casualtys thereof as flotson Jetson & lagon wth anchorag's & other such dutys immunityes . . . & appurtenances w^{t} so ever wth all ye Estate right title interest claime & demand w^{t}soever wch ye sd President & Councell & their Successors of right ought to have or claime in or to ye sd porcons of lands rivers & lakes & other ye premises as is afores^{d} by reason or force of his Highness sd letters pattents in as free large ample & beneficiall manner to all intents constructions & purposes w^{t}soever as in & by ye sd letters patents ye same are amongst other things granted to ye sd president & Councell aforsd Except two fifths of ye oare of Gold & Silver in these pnts hereafter expressed wch sd porcons of lands rivers & lakes wth ye appurtenances ye sd S^{r} fferdinando Gorges & Capt John Mason wth ye consent of ye President & Councell intend to name ye Province of Laconia. To have & to hold all the sd porcons of land &c &c. unto ye sd S^{r} fferdinando Gorges & Capt John Mason their heires &c for ever. To be holden of the Manor of East Greenwich in ye County of Kent in free & comon soccoge & not in capite or by Knights service. Neverthelesse wth such exceptions reservations limitations & declarations as in the sd letters Pattents are at large expressed Yeelding & paying unto the King his heirs & successors ye fifth part of all ye Oare of Gold & Silver that shall be gotten from the same, &c. . . . . .

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And ye sd President & Councill for themselves & their Successors doe further covenant & grant to & wth ye sd S^{r} fferdinando Gorges & Capt John Mason their heires & assignes & associates & by those pnts y^{t} it shall & may be law full at all times hereafter to & for ye sd Sr Ferdinando Gorges and Capt John Mason their Heires & assignes & their associates & ye Deputyes factors servants & tenants of them or any of them to have free Egress way & passage to enter & pass into & returne from & to any of ye sd demised lands lakes & rivers wth their Shipps boates barkes or other Vessells wth their munition & their Cattle and commodityes of w^{t} nature soever from by & through any of ye lands rivers harbours creeks or Sea Ports upon ye Sea Coasts or fronteer parts of New England afores^{d} belonging to ye President & Councell afores^{d} wthout any lett trouble interrupcon mo-

lestacon or hinderance of them ye sd President & Councill their successors or assignes or of any other person or persons claiming under them or by their means or procurem^{t} .And for ye better accomodacon of them ye sd Sr Ferdinando Gorges & Capt John Mason ther heires assignes & associates in their intended trafiques & plantacons above in ye sd lakes of ye Irrequois whither their goods & marchandizes from ye sea ports are to be after landing transported it shall be lawfull for y^{m} to make choise of & take and possess for the use of y^{m} ye sd Sr Ferdinando Gorges & Capt John Mason their heires assignes & associates and their Deputyes ffactors tennants & planters of their Colonyes in any of ye ports harbours or Creeks in New England lying most comodious for their passage up into ye sd Lakes One thousand acres of land upon ye side or sides of such harbors ports rivers or Creekes where ye same is not yet disposed of to any other persons by ye sd President & Councill & ye sd lands by y^{m} shalbe holden possessed & enjoyed as freely & with as ample priviledges Jurisdicons & comodetyes in all respects as any other ye lands above in these pnts demised & granted unto them & further knowe yee y^{t} ye sd President & Councill have made constituted deputed authorized & appointed & in their place & stead doe put Edw: Godfrey or in his absence to any other person y^{t} shal be there Governo^{r} or other Officer to ye President & Councell to be their true & lawfull Attorney & in their name and stead to enter ye sd porcon of land & other premises wth there appurtences or unto some part thereof in name of ye whole and deliver possession &c, Signed, sealed &c. the day and year above written

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[About August, 1631.]

The humble Peticon of Captein Walter Neale.

To the Kings most excellent Matie

Whereas for the securing the Collonies in Virginia, against the Invasions of a forrein enemie, and the barbarous incursions of the Natives there hath been constituted heretofore an experionented Soldier wth the title of Marshall : to whose perticuler care the Governor and Councell in Virginia (as theire Assistant) comitted the chardge of martiall affaires. Notwthstanding of late (though these time now do more require it than heretofore) there hath been none appointed to execute that place.

May yor Matie bee now pleased in reguard yor Ma^{ts} humble Peticoner hath followed the Warres these many yeares and been employed in all yor Ma^{ts} Services, and hath an extraordinarie Zeale and affection to that plantation, where hee presumes to do yor Matie acceptable service to conferre uppon yor Ma^{ts} humble Peticoner the aforesaid place of Marshal in Virginia: for executing whereof hee humbly craves the allowance of twentie shillings per diem (wch is in proportion farre inferiour to that wch hath been formerly allowed to others) out of the Customes arising from the comodities of that Countrie whereby hee may bee enabled in your Ma^{ts} service and have meanes to plant there some people of his owne. And though as a Soldier hee dares not pleade merrett before others, yet hee presumes to referre himself to the approbation of the Cheife Comannders of yor Ma^{ts} late Army. And according to his loyaltie, &c.

[Endorsed] Virginia Without Date

[In pencil] ab^{t} Aug. 1631

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[November 3, 1631.]

Grant and Confirmation of Pescataway to Sr Ferdinando Gorges and Capt Mason and others, Ano 1631.

This Indenture made the 3^{d} day of Novem^{r} An^{o} Dni 1631: and in ye 7th year of ye Reigne of Our Sovraigne Charles by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the ffaith &c. Betweene the Presid^{t} & Councill of New England on ye one pty and Sr Ferdinando Gorges Kn^{t} Capt John Mason of London Esqr and their Associates John Cotton Henry Gardner, Geo: Griffith Edwin Guy Thomas Wannerton Thomas Eyre and Eliezer Eyre on ye other pty Witnesseth That whereas our late Soveraigne Lord of famous memory King James for the makeing of a Plantacon and establishing of a Colonie or Colonies in ye Countries called or knowne by the name of New England in America, Did by his Highnesses Lres Patents under the Great Seale of England, bearing date at Westm^{r} ye 3^{d} day of Novr 1620 give grant and confirme unto the R^{t} Honble Lodwicke Duke of Lenox, Geo: Marques of Buckingham, James Ld Marques of Hamilton Thomas Earle of Arundale Robert Earle of Warwicke Sr Ferdinando Gorges Knt. and diverse others

whose names are expressed in the s^{d} Lres. Pat. their Heires and Assignes, that they shalbe one body Politique, and Corporate perpetuall and that they should have perpetuall Succession, and one common Seale or Seales, to serve for the said Body, And that they and their Successors shalbe known, called and incorporated by ye name of the presd^{t} and Councill established at Plym^{o} for the planting ruling and governing of New England in America, and did of his especiall Grace, certaine Knowledge, and mere Mocon for him his Heires and Success^{rs} give grant, and confirme unto the s^{d} Presid^{t} and Councill and their Success^{rs} under ye Reservacons, Limitacons and Declaracons in the s^{d} Lres Pat expressed All that part and porcon of y^{t} Countrie now commonly called New England wch is situate, lying, and being betweene ye latitude of 40 dge and 48 of North^{e}ly latitude. Togeather wth ye Seas and Islands lying wth in 100 miles of any part of ye sd Coasts of ye Countrie afores^{d} And also all ye Lands, Soyles, Grounds, Havens, Ports, Rivers, Mines, as well Roy^{ll} Mines of Gold and Silver as other Mines Mineralls Pearls and precious stones, Woods Quarries Marshes, Waters ffishings Hunting, Hawking, ffowling, Commodities and Hereditam^{ts} w^{t}soever, together wth Prerogatives Jurisdicons, Royallties, Priviledges, ffranchises, and Preheminence wthin any of the s^{d} Territories and ye precincts thereof w^{t}soever. To have hold possesse and enjoy all and singular the said Lands and p^{r}emisses in ye s^{d} Ltres Pat. granted or menconed to be granted unto them ye s^{d} Presid^{t} and Councill their Successors and assign forever To be holden of his Matie his heires and Successors as of his H^{sse} owne Man^{r} of East Greenw^{ch} in the Countie of Kent, in free and Common Soccage and not in Capite or by Knights Service Yeilding and paying to the Kings Matie his Heires and Success^{rs} the One 5th ^{pt} of all ye Gold and Silver Oar that from time to time and at all times from ye date of the s^{d} Lres Pat. shalbe there gotten had or obtained for all Services duties or Demands as in and by his H^{se} Lres. Pat : amongst divers other things therein conteined more fully and large it doth and may appeare, And whereas the s^{d} Presid^{t} and Councill have upon mature deliberacon thought fitt for the better furnishing and furtherance of ye Plantacon in these parts to appropriate and allott to severall pticular psons diverse pcells of Land within the precincts of the afores^{d} granted prmises by his Ma^{ts} s^{d} Lres Pat. Now this Indenture Wittnesseth that the s^{d} Presid^{t} and Councill of their full free and mutuall consent, as well to ye end that all the Lands Woods Lakes Loucks, Rivers, Waters, ponds Islands and Fishings, wth all other Traffique Proffits and Commodities whatsoever to them or any of them belonging, and hereafter in these Pnts menconed may be wholly and en-

tirely invested appropriated secured and settled in and upon ye sd S^{r} ffardinando Gorges, Capt John Mason and their Associates, John Cotton, Henry Gardner, George Griffith, Edwyn Guy, Thomas Wannerton Thom Eyrie, & Eliezer Eyre as by diverse speciall Services by them already done for the advancement of the s^{d} Plantacon by makeing of Clap board and pipestaves makeing of Salt panns and Salt, transporting of Vines for makeing of Wines searching for Iron Oare being all businesse of very great Consequence for causing of many Soules, both men, Women and boys and store of Shipps to be employed thither, and so in Short time prove a great Nursery for Shipping and Mariners, and also a great helpe to such as in this Kingdome want good Imploym^{t} And further for y^{t} the s^{d} S^{r} fferd Gorges Capt. John Mason and their said Associates John Cotton Henry Gardiner Geo. Griffith Edwin Guy Thom : Wannerton Tho Eyre and Eliezer Eyer have by their Agents there taken great paines and spent much tyme in the discovery of the Countrie all wch hath cost them (as we are credibly Informed) 3000 lb and upwards, which hitherto they are wholly out of purse upon hope of doing good in time to come to ye publique, And also for other good and sufficient Causes and Consideracons the sd Presid^{t} and Councill especially thereunto moveing, Have given granted bargained sold assigned aliend, sett over enfeoffed and confirmed and by these p^{nts} Do give grant, bargaine sell assigne, aliene sett over enfeoffe and confirme unto the s^{d} fferdinando Gorges Capt John Mason John Cotton Henr Gardner Geo Griffith Edwin Guy Thom. Wannerton Thom. Eyere and Eliezer Eyre, their Heirs and Assignes for ever All that house and cheife habitacon situate and being at Pascataway als Pascataquack als Pascaquacke in New England aforesaid, wherein Capt Walt. Neal and ye Colony wth him now doth or lately did reside togeather wth the Gardens and Corne ground occupied and planted by the s^{d} Colonie, and the Salt workes allready begun as afores^{d} And also all that porcon of Land lying wthin the precincts hereafter menconed, beginning upon the Seacoast 5 miles to the W^{t}ward of or from the s^{d} cheife Habitacon or Plantation now possessed by the s^{d} Capt Walter Neal for ye use of the Adventurers to Liconia (being in the latitude of 43 Degr or thereabouts in the Harbour of Pascataquack als Pascataquack als Passataway,) and so forth from ye s^{d} beginning Eastw^{d} & North Eastw^{d} and so proceeding Northw^{ds} or North Westw^{ds} into ye Harbour and River along the Coasts and Shoares thereof including all the Islands and Isletes lying wthin or neere unto the same upwards unto the head land opposite unto the plantacon or Habitacon now or late in the Tenure or Occupation of Edwd Hilton & from thence w^{t} w^{ds} & South w^{t} w^{ds} in ye midle of the River and through the midle of

ye Bay or Lake of Pasquacack als Pascaquack or by what other name or names it hath toward the bottome or Wester most part of ye River called Pascassocke to the falls thereof, and from thence by an Imaginary Line to pass over, and to the Sea, where the P^rambulacon begann Togeather wth all ye Lands, Soyle, Ground Wood, Quarries, Mines ffishing Hunting Hawking ffowling Comodities and Hereditam^ts whatsoever, Togeather also wth all p^rogatives, Jurisdiccons Royallties, privileidges, ffranchises and preheminence wth in ye precincts of Land contained w^thin ye limits or bounds aforesaid. And also the Isles of Shoales, and ye ffishings thereabouts And all the Seas w^thin 15 miles of thaforesd Sea Coast. And also all the Sea Coast and Land lying on ye East and North east side of the Harboure and River of Pascataway aforesd and opposite to the bounds above mencioned beginning 15 miles to ye S. eastward of ye Mouth or first entrance and beginning of the said Harboure, and so upp to ye falls and into the ponds, or Lakes that feed the s^d ffalls, by the space of 30 miles including the s^d ponds or Lakes and the Shoores thereof, and so crossing into the Landward, at a right angle by the space of 3 miles the whole length thereof from ye s^d mouth or first entrance from the Sea and Eastwds into ye Sea wch s^d 3 miles shalbe allowed for ye breadth of ye sd land last menconed both upon ye land and sea, As also all ye land Soyle Ground Woods, Quarrie, Mines, ffishings Hunting Hawking ffowling Commodities and Hereditam^ts whatsoever, togeather wth all prerogatives Jurisdiccons Royallties, Privileidges, ffranchises, and ℙ^rheminence w^thin the ℙ^rcincts of Land last menconed, conteined To have and to hold all ye s^d House and Habitacon porcons of Land and all Lakes and Islands therein conteined as aferesaid, and all and singular other y^e ℙ^rmisses hereby given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed and confirmed, wth all and singular the appurtences and every part and pcell thereof unto ye s^d S^r fferdenando Gorges, Capt John Mason, John Cotton, Henry Gardner Geo. Griffith, Edwyn Guy, Thomas Wannerton, Thomas Eyre and Elyezer Eyer to y^e only use & behoofe of them y^e s^d fferd. Gorges &c their Heires and Ass. for ever. Yeilding and paying unto our Sover L^d y^e King his Heires and Successors $\frac{1}{5}$ of all y^e oare of Gold and Silver that from time to time and at all tymes hereafter shalbe there gotten, had & obteined for all services, duties and Comands, and also yeilding & paying unto the s^d Presid^t Councill and their Successe^rs every yeere yeerely for ever 40 s sterl. at y^e ffeast of St Mich: th archangell if it shalbe lawfully demanded, at the Assurance House on the West side of the Roy^ll Exchange in London.

And the s^d Presd^t & Councill for them & their Success^rs do Cove-

nant and Grant to and wth ye s^{d} S^{r} fferdin: Gorges Capt John Mason and their said Associates John Cotton Henr. Gardner Geo. Griffith Edwyn Guy Thom. Wannerton, Thom Eyer Eliezer Eyre their Heires & Assignes by these prets, that from thensealing & delivery hereof according to ye purport true intent and meaning of these pre^{ts} they the s^{d} Sr Ferdinan Gorges, Capt. John Mason and their s^{d} Associates John Cotton Henry Gardner Geo Griffith Edwin Guy Thom. Wannerton Thom Eyer and Eliezer Eyre their Heires and Assignes shall from tyme to tyme for ever peacably and quietly have hold possesse and enjoy all thaforesd House and Cheife Habertacon porcons of Lands wth all ye Islands and ꝑ^{r}misses wth thappurtences hereby before given and granted or menconed, meant or intended to be hereby given and granted, and every part and parcell thereof wthout any Lett, disturbance, denyall trouble interrupcon or eviccon of or by ye s^{d} President and Councill or any ꝑson or ꝑsons whatsoever clayming by from or under them or their Successors or by or under their Estate Right Title or Interest. And the s^{d} Presid^{t} and Councill for them and their Successors do further Covenant and grant to and wth ye sd S^{r} fferd: Gorges Capt. John Mason, and their Associates John Cotton Henry Gardner Geo Griffith Edwyn Guy, Tho Wannerton Thom: Eyre and Eliezer Eyre their Heires and Ass by these prets That they the s^{d} Presid^{t} and Councill shall at all times & times hereafter upon reasonable request at the only proper Cost and Charges in the Law of the sd S^{r} fferden Gorges Capt John Mason, and their s^{d} Associates John Cotton, Henry Gardner, Geo Griffith Edwin Guy Tho Wannerton Tho Eyre, and Eliezer Eyre their Heires and Ass.: do, make pforme, suffer execute, and willingly consent unto any further Act or Acts, Conveyance or Conveyances, Assureance, or Assurances for the good and pfect Investing, Assuring, Conveying and sure making of all the afores^{d} Houses and Habitacon, porcons of Land, Island and all and singular other the ꝑ^{r}misses wth thappurtences to the s^{d} S^{r} fferd Gorges Capt John Mason and their s^{d} Associates John Cotton Henry Gardner George Griffith Edwyn Guy Thomas Wannerton Tho Eyere and Eliezer Eyre, their Heires and Assignes, as by them their Heires or Assignes, or by his or their or any of their Councill learned in the Law shalbe devised or advised or required. And further Know Yee that the s^{d} Presd^{t} and Councill have made, constituted deputed, authorized appointed, and in their place and steed do putt Capt Thom. Camock Henry Joselin, or in their absence to any other ꝑson that shalbe their Governour, or other Officer, to the Pres^{d}: and Councill to be their lawfull Attorny and in their name & Steed to enter into the s^{d} House and Habitation porcons of land and other y^{e} ꝑ^{r}misses above given and granted wth their apptences or into some p^{t}

thereof, in the name of the whole for them and in their name to have and take possession and seizin thereof, and after such Possession and Seizin so thereof or of some part thereof in the name of the whole so taken and had, then for them and in their names to deliver full and peaceable possession and seizin of all and Singular the s^d granted P^rmisses unto ye sd Sr Ferdinando Gorges Capt. John Mason and their said Associates John Cotton Henry Gardner, Geo Griffith, Edwyn Guy Thomas Wannerton, Thomas Eyre and Eliezer Eyre, or to their certain Attorny or Attornys in that behalfe, according to the true intent and meaning of theise ℘^nts Ratifying Confirming and Allowing all and whatsoever their said Attorny shall do in or about the ℘^rmisses by these ℘^nts In Witnesse whereof the said president and Councill to two parts of these presents both of One Tenor have sett their Common Seale and to one part thereof the s^d Sr Ferden: Gorges, Capt. John Mason, John Cotton, Henry Gardiner, Geo: Griffith, Edwin Guy, Tho: Wannerton Thom: Eyre and Eliezer Eyre have sett their hands and Seale the Day and yeere first above written.

[Endorsed in pencil] 3. Nov. 1631, N. Eng^d

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Att Warwicke House the 4th of November 1631. There being Present,

The Earle of Warwicke Presid^t & Sr Fardenando Gorges Kn^t Threr

There was that day Sealed a Pattent granted to Sr Fardinando Gorges Knight, Capt John Mason and their Associates of a porcon of Land lyeing upon the River of Pascataquack extending itselfe along the Sea Shore to the westward 5 English miles and so by an imaginary Line up into the maine North to the bounds of a plantation belonging to Edward Hilton and the Islands within the same River eastward, togeather with 3 Miles along the shoare to the Eastward of the s^d River and opposite to the Habitation and Plantation where Capt Neale lives and soe up unto the maine Land northerly by all ye breadth aforesaid thirty miles, with all ye woods soyles & marshes within the said Limitts with the Lakes at the head of the said River and other Comodityes and Imunityes as by the Counterparte of the same grant it more at large appeares.

The Consideration was for service formerly done & for y^t they had already setled theire with the said Captain Neale divers of their

people and had erected salt panns and hope to make salt & intended further to raise other good and merchantable Comodityes, as fishing, makeing of pipe staves Clapboards and ye like.

The Conditions were to pay his Ma^{ty} the 5th part of Gold or Silver Oare there to be gotten, and to the Presid^{t} & Councell forty shillings sterling payable at the Assurance house on ye west side of ye Royall Exchange London (if it be demanded) the first payment to begin at the first of St. Michael the Archangell 1632 and soe for all service from yeare to yeare.

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[November 19, 1632.]

Right hono^{ble}

Havinge lately bin in New England in America and taken notice both of some Comodities and advantages to this State wch that Countrie will afford, and there havinge visited the plantations of the English and amonge the rest that especially in the Mattachusetts (being the largest best and most prospering in all that land) I have made bold to informe yor hono^{r} of some observations wch I have taken both of the Countrie and that Plantation.

As for the Countrie it is well stored with goodly Timber and Masts for shippinge, and will afford Cordage, Pitch and Tarr and as good hempe and fflax as in any pte of the world, growes there naturally fitt for Cordage and sayles, whereof this kingdome will soone find the benefitt, if the plantacon proceed awhile wethout Discouragem^{t} as hitherto it hath done.

ffor the plantation in the Mattachusetts the English there being about 2000 people, yonge and old, are gen^{ally} most industrious and fit for such a worke, havinge in three yeares done more in buyldinge and plantinge, then others have done in seaven tymes that space, and with at least ten tymes lesse expence.

Besides I have observed the planters there, and by theire lovinge just and kind dealinge with the Indians, have gotten theire love and respect and drawne them to an outward Conformity to the English, soe that the Indians repaire to the English Governo^{r} there, and his Deputies for instice.

And for the Governo^{r} himself I have observed him to bee a discreete, and sober man, givinge good example to all the planters, wearinge plaine apparell such as may well beseeme a meane man, drinkinge ordinarily water, and when he is not Conversant about matters of jus-

tice, putting his hand to any ordinarye labour with his servants, ruling wth much mildnes and in this ℙticular I observed him to be strict in execucon of Justice, upon such as have scandalized this state, either in Civill, or Ecclesiasticall governmen^t to the greate Contentm^t of those that are best affected, and to the terror of offendo^rs

Of all wch I my selfe havinge bin an eye witnesse am the rather induced to P^rsent the same to yor hono^r to cleare the reputation of the plantation from certaine false rumo^rs and scandales, wch I ℙceive since my retorne to England some ℙsons ill affected to the plantations there, have cast abroad; as namely one Sr Xhofer Gardiner, whoe leavinge two wives here in England, went with another yonge woman into New England, there, being discovred by letters from England he was sepated from his wench.

A second is one Moreton whoe (as I am Informed by his wifes sonne and others) upon a fowle suspition of Murther fled hence to New England and there falling out with some of the Indians, he shott them with a fowling piece, for wch and other misdemeano^rs upon the Indians complaint his howse by order of Court there, was destroyed and he banished the plantacon.

A third was one Ratcliffe whoe as I am Crediblie informed; for most horible blasphemy was Condemned there to lose his eares, whoe with the former two, and some other the like discontended and scandalous ℙsons, are lately returned hither, seekinge to Cover the shame of theire owne facts, by castinge reproaches upon the plantation, doe addresse themselves to S^r ffardinando Gorges, whoe by theire false informacons, is nowe piectinge howe to deprive that plantation of the previledges graunted by his Matie and to subvert theire governm^t the effects whereof wilbe the utter ruine of this hopefull plantation, by hindringe all such as would goe to them, and drivinge those alredy planted there, either to returne, or disperse into other places, wch I leave to yor grave judgm^t my selfe being none of theire plantation, but a neighbour by, have done this out of that respect I bere to the gen^all good, I have ben too briefe in this relation in regard I feared to be over troblesome to yor hono^rs Soe I take leave and rest.

The XIXth daye of November, 1632

Yo^r hono^rs humble servant

Tho Wiggin

[Addressed] To the right hono^ble Sr John Cooke Kn^t principall Secretary to his Ma^ie and one of his highnes most hono^ble prince Councell these d

[Endorsed] 1632, Nove^b 19. Relation of Capt Wiggin of New England

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At a Meeting the 6th of December 1633

Present :

Sr Ferdenando Gorges Knt

Capt John Mason for himselfe and Mr John Cotton Mr Henry Gardner Mr George Griffith Thomas Eyer for Tho Wannerton & Eliezer Eyer.

It was agreed that Pascattaway house and the house at Strawberry Banke, and all the Islands and Isletts within the river of Pascattaway together with all the Land on the Southwest syde of the said River which is mentioned in the Patent, as also the Isles of Shoales and the house at Newichewanock with the land thereunto belonging shall remaine in Common untill a Division thereof hereafter to be made.

And as concerning the land upon the Northwest syde of the said River, from the outermost point upon the Sea Coast unto the end of 30 miles being the extent thereof up into the Maine Land the same is by mutuall consent divided as followeth (vizt.)

To Sr Ferdinando Gorges Knight three miles beginning at the outermost point in the Sea where the Patent of ye said syde of Land beginneth up the River.

To Mr Henry Gardner three miles and three quarters beginning where Sr Ferdinando Gorges land endeth and soe up the River aforesaid.

To Mr George Griffith Mr Thomas Wannerton and Eliezer Eyer eight miles beginning where Mr Gardner aforenamed endeth and soe up within a quarter of a mile to the Lowermost falls next to Newichewanock house.

To Captaine John Mason for himselfe and Mr John Cotton to beginne a quarter of a mile below the said Lowermost fall and soe upward along Newichewannock River to the end of ye Patent which is estimated about fifteen miles and a quarter being almost fower miles more than his proportion cometh unto. Yet it is allowed him in regard hee is soe farre distant from the Sea, and for conveniency of landing boats belowe the said Falls

Provided that if any of the abovenamed Shall come Short of having his due division of quantity of Land in the Division aforesaid

It is to be rectified in the next Division of Lands undivided

Concerning the Swine remaining to the generalls it is agreed that they shall bee divided as followeth

To Sr Ferdinando Gorges Knt . . .	4 Sowes
To Capt. Mason	14

To Mr. Henry Gardner	5 Sowes
To Mr. George Griffith	5
To Mr. Thomas Wannerton	3
To Eliezer Eyer	3

And the residue to remaine untill the next division of them.

Ferdi. Gorges John Mason
George Griffith Henry Gardner.

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[February 3, 1634.]

Allottm^t of Capt Mason's part by ye Councell of N. England.

ffor as much as by a mutuall agreement wee whose names are subscribed Patentees or Adventurers and of the Councell of New England are to joyne in the surrender to his Matie of the greate Charter of that Country wch was granted unto us in the eighteenth yeare of the Reigne of King James of blessed memory in whose ꝑsence Lotts were drawne for setling of divers and sundry divisions of Land on the Sea Cost of the said Country uppon most of us who hitherto have never bin confirmed in the said Land soe allotted And to the intent that every one of us according to equity and in some reasonable manner answearable to his Adventures or other interest maie enjoy apporcon of the land of the said Country to bee imediatly holden of his ma^tie wee therefore doe condescend and agree that all that pte of the sea coast of the Country aforesaid shall belong to Captaine John Mason to begin at the midle of Namekecke river, and from thence to ꝑceed eastward along the Sea Coast to Cape-Anne and round about the same in to Pascataway Harbour and soe forthward upp within the river of Newichewannock and to the farthest head of the said river and from thence Northwestward till sixty miles be finished from the first entrance of Pascataway harbour Alsoe from Namekecke through the Harbour and River thereof up into the land west sixty myles from wch period to crosse over land to the sixty miles end accounted from Pascataway throug Newichewannock River and into the land Northwest as aforesaid and hereunto is to belonge the South halfe of the Isles of Shoales and 10,000 acres on the south-east part of Sagadahock at the mouth or entrance thereof.

Saveing and reserving out of this diviseon to every one that hath

any law full graunt of land or plantacon law fully setled in the same The freeholding and enjoying of his right wth the libties thereunto apptaying laying downe his Jura Regalia (if he have any) to the ℙprietor of his division wherein his land lyeth and paying some small acknowledgment for that he is now to hould his said land anewe of the ℙprietor of this division.

J. Lenox Hamilton Arrundell & Surry Carlile Stelene
Ed Gorges fferde Gorge.

Concordat cum originali feà collatione per me Tho. Maydwell No^{rum} Pub^{rum}

Extract from Mss. in the British Museum, No. 3448, *entitled, "A Relation Concerning the Estate of New England."*

[About 1636.]

A relation concerning New England, ffor the perfect understandinge the State of New England these three things deserve consideracon vizt.

1. The Country 2. The Comodities 3. The Inhabitants.

The Countrye.

New-England is Scituate in the north part of the maine Continent of America included wth in the degrees of 40 and 48 of northerly latitude a clymate through out all the world esteemed temperate, and healthfull and by Experience it is found that noe countrie enjoyeth a more salubrious aire then New-England, and though the Winter be more Sharpe then ordinariely heare, yett it is lesse offensive by reason the aire is more Cleer and the Cold alwayes drie

Inhabitants.

The Inhabitants of New England are of two sorts the native and the Plante^{r}s.

The natives of the Countrie are att this tyme verie few in number through heretofore popuelous destroyed by a great and generall plague wch happined about 17 years since, leavinge not the fortieth person liveinge since wch time they have neve^{r} increased, they live nere and among the English but are beneficiall to them onely in the trade of Beaver wch they exchange for our Comodities Theire want of people makes them not feared by us as not beinge able to doe much

mischiefe, wch otherwise doubtles they would doe as was found by lamentable experience the last yeare. What the Manners and Customs of those Indians are is trulie and att large related by a ffrench men whose booke is translated into English intituled Nova Francia.

The Planters of newe England are of three severall nations, English ffrench and Dutch.

(Dutch Plantation page 7)

(French Plantation page 8)

The English are planted in the middest betwixt the Dutch and ffrench in a countrie ffarr exceedinge that of the ffrench though some what inferiour to the Dutch habitacon.

That part of the countrie was manie yeares since planted by the English in the time and by the means of the Lord Cheife Justice Popham and some others, and especially by S^{r} fferdinando Gorges Knight but those plantacons prospered not through the ill Choice of places Commodious for habitation.

The Present Inhabitants of New Plymouth were the first the settled a plantation to any purpose in New England who went thithe^{r} to inhabite about some 15 yeares but the great numbers of people wch makes the countrie seeme now somewhat populous wth English hath been transported wthin these 9 yeares under the governmen^{t} of Mr Indicott and Mr Winthrop who have seated themselves in the west and more Southerlie part of the Countrie about the same tyme and since diver^{rs} other private Colonies have been planted in the more Easterlie and northern parts.

The English are planted in this Countree by vertue of Patents granted unto them from the President and Councell of New England wch soe ffarr I can understand are in number as vizt.

1. The Patent of New Plymouth.
2. The Patent of Massachusetts Baye
3. The Patent of Agawam, granted to Captaine John Mason
4. A Patente granted to S^{r} fferdenando Gorges.
5. A Patent of Laconia granted to S^{r} fferdenando Gorges and Captaine Mason.
6. A Patent of Pascataquacke granted to S^{r} fferdenando Gorges and others.
7. A Patent granted to Edward Hilton.
8. A Patent of Accaminticus granted to Captaine Morton wth others.
9. A Patent granted to John Stratton about Cape Porpus River.
10. Two Patents of Sohaketocke granted to Richard vynes & Thomas Lewis.
12. A Patent granted to Captaine Thomas Camock of black pointe.
13. A patent granted to Mr Trelanye of Cape Elizabeth.

14. A patent of Casico granted to Captaine Levitt.

15. A Patent of Pethipscote granted to Thomas Purchis and others.

16. A Patent granted to Richard Bradshaw of the Northeast side of Peckipscot River.

17. A Patent of Quinebecke, belonginge to them of New Plymouth.

18. A Patent of Segadehock granted to Crispe and others.

19. A Patent of Pemaquid granted to Mr Alde^{e} and Mr Elbridge.

20. A Patent granted of Penobscott to Mr Sherlie, and others Off theis Patents granted to S^{r} fferdenando Gorges, and Captaine John Mason are included wthin the Patent last granted to the Inhabitants of the Massachusetts Bay Concerninge wch Matters there hath been and still remaines some controversee Sagadehock was never planted.

That of Cassica, and that granted to John Stratton were at my Cominge away forsaken.

The Patent of Penobscott is largest of Extent, it Comprehendinge (as is pretended) nere 40 leagues in length yett it is planted but wth one house, And is now possessed by the ffrench.

The English in theis severall patents are planted alonge the sea Coast and have their habitations nere adjoyning to Rivers Navegable ffor Shippinge, or Barkes, the^{r} Charge and Difficultie of transportinge provesion by land, ffor want of Horses Causes the Inland party to bee yett unpeopled.

The Plantacons beginninge at ye most Southerlie, wch is new Plymouth and endinge at Penobscott, Containe in length alonge the Sea Cost about 70 leagues and are peopled wth more than 3000 Persons whereof new Plimouth may Containe well nere 1800, the Massachusetts . . . the rest of the Patents beinge planted wth residue.

Att my Comeinge over there was estimated to be att the least . . . head of Kyne belonging to the severall plantacons, And are now increased to 5000 or thereabouts, great store of Swyne and goates and some horses:

The Inhabitants have in all places Convenient houses and good quantitie of Cleered land ffor Corne.

The above menconed Patents are not all of one kinde, for some are in the nature of Corporacons and have power to make Lawes, ffor the governinge of their plantacons, others are but onely assignmn^{ts} of soe much Land to bee planted and possessed wthout power of governm^{t}

Of the first sort are onely theis ffower vizt:

1. New Plymouth 2. Massachusetts 3. Pascatequack & 4. Pemaquid.

The Civill governmn^{t} of the Colonies remaine in the power of those who are Principall in the Patents of wch those wch have authoritie

to establish lawes, doe Execute theire Jurisdiction & soe ffar as I could understand, as neere, as may bee accordinge to the lawes of England, And those whoe have not that legall power doe governe theire servants and Tennants in a Civill way, soe ffar as they are able.

The Defects in theis plantations ffor the present, as I conceive, are onely theis.

1. The Inhabitants (Except in the Massachusetts Bay) are too farr scattered one from another alonge the coast, soe that they Can not uppon any occasion, Reunite the^r selves to oppose an enemye.

2. There is fewe fforts nor places of the strength in all the Countrie.

3. There are but few of those, who have Patents granted unto them that doe observe the Lawes, and orders of Plantation appointed unto them in their Patents and Expressed in the grand Patent, granted by his Matie to the President and Councell.

4. When there happeneth any question betweene the Planters of severall Patents, those quarrells are seldome, or never ended because there is none in the Countrie that hath authoritie to Decyde them; every mans power beinge Limitted, wth his owne Patent.

5. There wants an uniformytie in the Lawes and Customes of severall Patents and alsoe a generall unitie in thinges that conscerne the publique good of the Countrie.

As Concerninge matters of Religion, because my aboade was ffarre distant ffrom neighbors and noe professed Scholler, I was therefore little acquainted wth other mens disagreeinge opinions and myselfe, and Colonie all wayes professinge the Doctrine discipline of the Church of England I was not Curious after that of others wch then Concerned me nott

ffinis.

[Then follows "An abstract of the Lawes of New England."]

Court of Requests, orders and Decrees. Vol. 35, *p.* 21. *Easter Term.* 13 *Car. I.*

[1637.]

Eyre and George.

Whereas Thomas Eyre hath exhibited his bill of Compl^t unto the King's Matie before his highness Councell in his hono^ble Court of Whitehall at Westm^r against Sir fferinando Gorge K^t John Watson

and others Defendts; Thereby settinge forth that the Defendts S^{r} fferdinando Gorge Thomas Wannerton and others adventurers for Pascattawaye in New England did make choice of the plt. for theire agent for managinge theire affaires and about 7° Caroli R^{s} the said adventurers did Sett out the Shipp called the Lyons Whelpe whereof the defendt Gibs was Maister and who without the adventurers privitye did lade for the accompt of himselfe the Defend^{t} Watson and Hingston 76^{ti} of beaver wooll which beinge returned into England the Said adventurers directed the Complt to take the same into his custodye for non payment of the fraight of the Said Beaver wooll which the Said Defendts Watson Gibson and Hingston have suffered to remaine in the plts hands without payement of the fraight for the Same by the Space of foure yeares and untill the plt by the direccon of the said Adventurers had Sold the said Beaver wooll and what the plt did was by the direccon of the saide Companye hee beinge but theire agent as aforesaide and the said sale was occasioned by the wilfull neglect of the Defendts Gibbs and Hingston in not payeinge the said fraight Therefore and for that the Said Defend^{t} John Watson hath now revived a suite at the Comon Lawe brought 4 yeares since against the plt for 8^{lb} of the Said Beaver wooll and doe presse a Speedie triall therein against the plt. It is by the Right hono^{ble} the Lord the Lord P. S: and the rest of his Ma^{ts} said Councell of this Court in presence of Councell on both sides Ordered that the said Deft Watson shall bee at libtie to proceed to a triall at comon Lawe in the accon there by him comenced against the plt and after the said triall the said Deft Watson his Councellors Attorneys and sollicitors, and every of them shall surcease and staye and noe further prosecute or proceed at the comon lawe thereupon ag^{t} the said Complt untill the same matter shall be fullye heard in this Court and other and further order bee there uppon had and made by his Ma^{ts} said Councell of this Court to the contrarie And it is further ordered that an Injunction under his Ma^{ts} P: S: uppon paine of CC^{ti} to be leavied &c. bee forth with awarded and directed unto the said Deft Watson his Councellors Attorneys and Sollicitors and every of them for the due performance of this present order in every behalfe

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Colonial State Papers. Vol. 10, *No.* 18.

[1638–39.]

According to yor Lopps Order of Reference of the 22th . . . ffebruary 1638, directing us to examine & certifie whether the

Promise of Sr fferdinando Gorges to be an —— in equall proporcon wth Capt John Mason, (whe — is charg'd wth the Arreare complained of to be from him) did only relate to such Shipps as should sett out & Voyages made after his said Promise, —— date in June 1632 or to the Shipps sett out mentioned in the Certificate of Sr John —— & Sr Abraham Dawes wch were before the date —— Promise or to both; We have examined the Same & fully heard the said Sr fferd: Gorges in Whatsoevr could alleadge for himselfe, & doe finde that . . . said Promise made in June 1632 as aforesaid ha — relation to the Shipps sett out & voyages mentioned in the said Certificate of Sr John Wolstenholme & . . . Abraham Dawes, wch were before the date of his said Promise And it appeared clearly unto us that the Objection made by the said Sr fferd. Gorges that his said Promise related only & was to be applied to such Shipps as were sett out & voyages made after his said Promise, was a mere su — fuge & altogether groundlesse for that after his said Promise made he paid in 100lb wch must necessarily in relation to the Voyages & Shipps sett out before the said Promise in regard that since the date of his said Promise there hath not beene any Shipp sett out nor voyage at all made by the said Adventurers Be . . . it appear'd unto us, as well by the Register Booke Mr Eyres Clarke & Accountant for the said Comp . . . as by the Testimonies upon oath as well of the said Mr ——
. . . . . as of George Griffith & Thomas Wannerton wch
. . . . . that the said Sr fferd Gorges did promise as af
. . . . . to be an Adventurer in all the Voyages sett
. . . . . the said Adventurers, in equall proporcon wth the
. . . . . Mason; As concerning the some of 254lb
. . . . . to be owing & in Arreare by the said Sr fferden
. . . . . (wch was ordered to goe towards the satisfaction
. . . . . the wages & salaries due to the
poore peticon's Proofe thereof is the sd Register Booke of Accounts by the said Eyres attested by him upon oath to be a true . . . Upon all whch wee are of opinion that the said Sr fferd. Gorges was in Arreare the said some of 254lb (whereof 10lb only hath beene by him paid, since the first Compl^t of the Peticonrs to this Board Nevrtheless in regard Sr fferd. Gorges did obiect one ℙticular whereby he endeavoured to disable the Testimony of the said Eyres, & the Credete of his Register booke Wee have at this Instance thought fitt to represent the same to yor Lopps. Vizt. That in a cause lately depending in the Court of Requests betweene one Cotton, Plaintiffes & Sr fferd. Gorges & Henry Gardener defendts concerning the some adventured by Sr fferd Gorges in a ffishing Voyage to New England; The question being Whether his Adventure were 110lb or 50lb It was

(notwthstandinge the Answer of the said Eyres upon oath to an Interogatory ministred on that behalfe, wherein he affirm'd that the Adventure of the said S^{r} fferd. Gorges was 110^{lb}) Resolv'd by the said Court that the said Adventure was only 50^{lb} & soe order'd accordingly a Copie of wch Deposicon & order he now produc'd before us; wch whether it may trench to the impeachm^{t} of the Testimony of the said Eyres or the chredete of his Register Booke of Accounts in the matters referr'd by yor Lopp^{s} to us wee presume not to judge, but humbly submit the same to yor Lopp^{s} Only wee conceave it fitt to acquainte yor Lopp^{s} likewise wth Mr. Eyres his Answer thereunto; wch was, That the Court of Requests did not reject his Testimony there, in such a sence as S^{r} fferd. Gorges now urges & would make use of, to disable his Testimony in other thinges, But that although the said order of Court determin'd it otherwise then as he had deposed, yet the same was but according to the Course of all Courts in regard there was but singularis Testis And therefore humbly desired that in Case the said objection of S^{r} fferd. Gorges made any impression wth yor Lopp^{s} that he might be heard to give further Answer thereunto.

Will. Becher Abra. Williams
Frances Wiatt Laur. Whitaker &c.

Date 1638–9.

[Endorsed] S^{r} fferd Gorges.

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Councill Register. Vol. 15, *pp.* 300–301.

Privy Council Office.

Upon readinge of a Certificate returned to their Lo^{ps} from the Sub Comittees for forraigne Plantacons unto whom their Lo^{ps} had formerlie referred the hearinge and examininge of the Complaints made by John Michell a Minister and divers other poore people concerninge certaine moneys due unto them from S^{r} fferdenando Gorges knt upon his adventures to Laconia and upon readinge of a fformer Certificate made in the business by Sr John Wolstonholme and Sr Abraham Dawes who had by order frome their Lo^{ps} examined the Bookes and accompts of the Adventures to Laconia concerninge the same; ffor as much as it appeared by the said Certificates that there

are moneys in arreare and due from S^{r} ffardinando Gorges upon his said Adventures wch ought to go to the satisfaccon of the poore pet^{rs} and wth out wch they could not be satisfied. It was there upon thought fitt and ordered that the said S^{r} ffardinando Gorges should be required and enjoyned forth with upon sight hereof to make paym^{t} of the said Arrears unto the Clark of the Councell Attendant, appearinge by Certificate under the hand of Thomss Ayres Clarke and Register to the said Adventurers to be £254 (whereof the said S^{r} ffardeando Gorges hath payd onlie 10^{lb}) wch money is to be distributed and paid unto the said poore people proportionablie accordinge to the severall somes due unto every of them respectively.

Att Whitehall the 27th June, 1638

Present

Lo Arc. Bp. of Cant	Lo Chamberlaine
Lo Keeper	Lo Cottington
Lo Treaser	Lo Newburgh
Lo P. Seale	Mr Comptroller
Ea Marshall	Mr Sec Coke
	Mr Sec Windebanke

[Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord of the Privy Seal, Earl Marshal. — Ed.]

Court Request Bills & Answers. 12 *Car. I.*

[1636. Abstract only.]

Thomas Morton against Oliver Powell.

To the Kings Most excellent Majesty — Thomas Morton late of New England in America Gentleman Complains that one Brodripp of Axbride in County of Somerset Gentleman about 1624 was indebted to him in the sum of £8 and Compl^{t} being then minded to travail and make a voyage into New England aforesaid which he shortly after performed order the said sum to be paid to Oliver Powell of Axbridge aforesaid yoeman. That during Compl^{ts} absence the Said Powell collected the amount from Brodripp for the Compl^{ts} use who continued in New England aforesaid for 9 or 10 years after the said Oliver received the same retained it. And the Petitioner being of late enforced from the said fforaign part by the Malicious practices of the Separatists there that have seized and taken away all the plts

means in those parts. And since his arrival into England of late he demanded the money of Powell & payment was refused. And the said Oliver having understood how spightfully the Separatists had handled yor subject and had taken from your subject, among other things the writing purporting the trust aforesaid and thus he supposing it impossible for yor subject to make out this case at law

[Endorsed] 21 June Anno 12 Car. I.

Colonial State Papers. Vol. 9, No. 129.

[1638.]

May it please y^{r} Grace.

I lately viewed some lines wch were sayd to be a Copie of a supplicaon sent to ye lords Commissioners for plantaon from ye Massachusets wherein sundry Consideracons are p^{r}sented, ye last whereof seems to Menace Revolt & Erection of New Governmn^{t}; wch say they ye Comons are like to attempt: But my lo ye trueth is; It is their Court Conclusion, long since decred to spend their bloud in opposing all Counter mannds to their p^{r}sent way & humour; to wch purpose they use all diligence to fortifie themselves. And because ye River of Pascataquay is very beneficall for plantaon; having also an excellent harbour wch may much ꝑfit or anoy them in case of warre; therefore they endeavour wth all their skill & might to obtaine ye Comand thereof, wch if they gaine, not only a place most advantageous for his Matie may be hazarded; but ye hearts & handes of his yet faithfull subjects may be estranged & weakend by their practizes *I do therefore conceive That yor Grace will judg it necessarie wth all Expedition to secure y^{t} River & harbour for his ma^{ties} use:* I neither dare nor need ꝑsume herein to direct yor Grace; but ye best way y^{t} p^{r}sents it self to my thoughts is: That a speedie Course be taken to setle his Maties Gov^{r}nt amongest us; there yet being none but Combinacons: because ye severall patents upon ye River are thought to comprize no Comission for jurisdiction.

Now my Lo: for ye particular, Whether to send one from England wth Commission, or to send Commission to some one here, or to Grant power of Incorporaon & Election, That I humbly submit to y^{r} Graces great wisdom; for ye year past & this Currant ye helme hath bin put into my hand by ye principall plantaons; but I percieve no Great Strength nore Saftie in ye course we Steare his Maties authoritie is That wch will ꝑvaile for ye advancemt of both sorts of Regiment and

lawes Eccliall & temporall more over my L: if ye River of pascataq· were appointed for ye port of discharg for Shippes y^t bring passengers in case any be permitted, it would much Strengthen ye Loyall partie, for many y^t are brought to Massachusets would set down wth us but for difficultie of Removeall.

These things I held my self bound to rep^rsent & subject to yor Graces view, non obstante a late discouragn^t for ye day before ye writing hereof I was credibly informed; That Massachusets Magistrates have from England received Copies of my two first letters to your Grace: wch themselves say, Mr Vane procured from y^r Graces Chapleine: If this was wth out y^r Graces Consent, it will much concerne your Grace, if wth it, (wch I cannot believe) It will behoove mee to Consider of it. I wish y^r Grace all happiness & remaine y^r Graces humbly observant. Geo. Burdett

Pascataq Noveb 29. 1638.

[Addressed] To ye Most Revend father in God y^e lo. Archbp of Canterbury his Grace primate & Metropolitane of all England &c humbly I ꝑ^rsent these.

[Endorsed] Rece Janua: 31: 163$\frac{8}{9}$. M. Burdett. Newe England. Theire affectation to shake of Govement.

Noveb. 29. 1638.

Colonial State Papers. Vol. 9, *No.* 131.

The humble Petition of Captein Walter Neale

To the Kings most excellent Matie

Your Matie being graciously pleased to take into yor Roiall consideration the government of the plantations in New England May your Matie likewise favourably vouchsafe to accept the pretences of your humble peticoner to the said government, which are breifely these

1. Your Matie most humble peticoner hath lived a Soulder these twenty yeers and served with Command in all yor Matie expedicions.

2. Hee hath commanded these fowre yeers the Companie of the Artillarie garden in London and with greate charge and continuall labour hath brought to that perfection, that no Prince in Christendome hath a Companie equall to it of Cittizens.

3. He hath lived three years in New England having had a Patent and Commission for that Country, during which tyme he hath made greater discoveries of ye inland pts then was ever made by any before or since.

4. He hath also exactly discovered all the rivers and Harbours in the habitable parts of y^{t} Country.

5. He hath done more during his being there for the generall good of ye country in reforming the irregularities and abuses of those that frequented those parts then was by any man before.

6. With greate hazard and much travell hee hath punished the extreame cruelties of ye natives of y^{t} Country, and enforced them to a peaceable confornitie in neighbourhood and comerce.

7. By reason of ye many experim^{ts} hee hath made of all the Comodities in that Countrie he is able to settle a staple trade of some Comodities for ye profitt & advantage of this Kingdome, espetically for ye building of Shipps.

Colonial State Papers. Vol. 1, *No.* 52.

[Abstract only.]

22 April 1635

A Graunt by the Plymouth Councill by Indenture unto Captaine John Mason in the following words.

"Indenture further witnessing that the Council in performance of an agreement made 3rd february last past for a Competent summe of money and divers other Causes Have Granted &c unto the said Captaine John Mason his Heires and Assignes All that Part purpart and portion of the Maine Land of New England aforesaid beginning from the middle part of Naumkecke River and from thence to proceed Eastw^{ds} along the Sea Coast to Cape Anne and round about the same to Pascataway Harbour, and so forwards up within the River of Newichewanock, and to the further Head of the said River and from thence Northwestwards till Sixty miles be finished from the first entrance of Pascataway Harbour and also from Naumkeck through the River thereof up into the Land West Sixty Miles from which Period to crosse over Land to the Sixty Miles end accompted from Pascataway through Newichewanock River to the Land Northwestward aforesaid.

And also all that the South halfe of the Isle of Shoulds, togeather with all other Islands and Isletts, as well imbayed as within five Leagues distance from the Premises and abutting upon the same, or any part or parcell thereof, not otherwise graunted to any by speciall name, All which part and Portion of Lands Islands and premises are from henceforth to be called by the name of *New Hampshire.*

And also the said Councell for the Considerations aforesaid have given graunted bargained sold enfeoffed and confirmed, and by these presents doe give graunt &c unto the said Capt John Mason his Heires &c all that other parcell or Portion of Lands, Woods and Wood grounds lying on the South East part of the River of Sagadehock in New England aforesaid at the mouth or entrance thereof containing and to containe there ten thousand Acres, which said other parcell of Lands from henceforth is to be called by the name of Masonia.

[Endorsed] Extracts out of severall Graunts concerning New England.

20 Papers about New England.

[In pencil] 3 Nov 1620 to 3 April 1639. New Engl^{d}

[On the next page is the following.]

Dates of severall Pattents, Graunts, and Deeds Poll, relating to New England.

3 Novr 1620, 18 Jac. The Councill of Plymouth Constituted by Pattent.

9 March 1620, 18 Jac. The Councill of Plymouth graunt Cape Anne by Pattent to Capt Mason.

30 Decr 1622, 20 Jac. The Councill of Plymouth by Deed Poll, graunt part of the Maine Land called Messachusiack unto Robt Gorges.

19 Mar 1627, 3 Car. I. A graunt made by the said Councill to the Mattachusets.

4 March 1628, 4 Car. I. His Matie graunts and confirmes the same to the Mattachusets by Pattent.

7 Nov 1629, 5 Car. II. The Councill of Plymouth graunt by Indenture the Province of Laconia unto Sr Ferdinando Gorges and Captaine John Mason.

3 Novr 1631, 7 Car. I. The Councill of Plymouth graunt by Indenture the house and Plantation lately belonging to Capt Walter Neale unto Sr Ferdinando Gorges, Capt Mason and their Associates.

1 Decr 1631, 7 Car. I. The said Council graunt 2000 acres of Land on ye South side of Cape Porpus, unto John Stratton of Shatley.

16 June 1632, 8 Car. I. The said Councill graunt certaine Lands called the River Bishopscott, unto George Way and Thomas Purchase.

18 April 1635, 11 Car. I. The said Councill graunt (demise) by Indenture unto Sr Ferdinando Gorges, a Province called New Somersetshire for 3000 y^{rs}

22 Aprill 1635, 11 Car. I. The said Councill make a full Sale of the former Lands unto Sr Ferdinando Gorges.

22 Aprill 1635, 11 Car. I. The Council of Plymouth by Indenture graunt the Province of New Hampshire unto Capt John Mason.

3 Aprill 1639, 15 Car. I. His Matie by Letters Pattents graunts and confirms to Sr Ferdinando Gorges, Lands for 120 Miles along the Sea Coasts, and up the River from Pascataway Harbour.

[Endorsed] Dates of severall Pattents Deeds and Graunts relating to New England.

New Hampshire Papers, Vol. 47. The Dover Combination.

[October 20, 1640.]

Whereas sundry Mischeifes and inconveniences have be faln us, and more and greater may in regard of want of Civill Government, his Gratious Matie having hitherto Setled no Order for us to our knowledge.

Wee whose names are underwritten being Inhabitants upon the River Pascataquack have voluntarily agreed to combine our Selves into a Body Politique that wee may the more comfortably enjoy the benefit of his Maties Laws And do hereby actually engage our Selves to Submit to his Royal Maties Laws together with all such Orders as shalbee concluded by a Major part of the Freemen of our Society, in case they bee not repugnant to the Laws of England and administred in the behalfe of his Majesty.

And this we have mutually promised and concluded to do and so to continue till his Excellent Matie shall give other Order concerning us.

In Witness wee have hereto Set our hands the two and twentieth day of October in the Sixteenth yeare of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God King of Great Brittain France & Ireland Defender of the Faith &c. Annoq. Dom^i^ 1640.

John Follett	Abel Camond	Bartholomew Smith
Robert Nanney	Henry Beck	Samuel Haines
William Jones	Robert Huggins	John Underhill
Phillip Swaddon	Thom Larkham	Peter Garland
Richard Pinckhame	Richard Waldern	John Dam
Bartholomew Hunt	William Waldern	Steven Teddar
William Bowden	William Storer	John Ugroufe

John Wastill	William Furber	Thomas Canning
John Heard	Tho. Layton	John Phillips
John Hall	Tho. Roberts	Tho Dunstar
Fran. Champernoon	Edward Starr	William Pomfret
Hansed Knowles	James Nute	John Cross
Edward Colcord	Anthony Emery	George Webb
Henry Lahorn	Richard Laham	James Rawlins

This is a true copy compared with ye Orignall by me

Edw Cranfield

[Endorsed] New England N Hampshire The Combination for Government by ye people at Pascatq (1640).

Rec^d^ ab^t^ 13th Febr 82–3.

[The foregoing varies somewhat from the agreement as printed in Vol. I. p. 126, and contains the signatures, which the editor of that volume failed to find. — Ed.]

Colonial State Papers. Vol. 11, *No.* 36.

4 July 1651. Copie.

[Endorsement] Mr. Joseph Mason's Protest against Mr. Leader.

By virtue of a Deputation, or Letter of Attorney to mee granted, bearing date ye 3rd of March 1650 by Ann Mason of London, Widdow, the Relict of Cap^n^ John Mason, late of London, Esqr deceased and Sole Executrix of his last Will and Testament Doe hereby Authorize mee Joseph Mason her kinsman, to take care of and dispose of to her use all such goods and Lands to her belonging, wch were her said husbands in New England in America, by him possessed, and died seized of; and in order thereunto, and by the Power to me granted I doe hereby, and in her bahalf, make this Protest or Declaration against any person or persons whatsoever, shall entitle themselves to any of her said Lands at Newechawannacke or any other part or parcell of her said Lands within the said River of Pascataway or to cut, sell, carry away any of her said Timber Trees, that now are standing or growing upon the same, or to convert any of her said Lands to there proper use, without the Consent, Composition or Allowance of her the said Ann Mason, or her certaine Atturney first had and obtained. And further by that Authority mee given I doe protest against the

Proceedings of Mr. Richard Leader, upon her said Lands at Newichawannacke, or of his Buildings there. And doe hereby forewarn him or his Assignes all those Lands or Woods wch Hee intrudes upon, without Our Consent or approbation first had or obtained. Dated at Pascataway, the 4th of July 1651 anno.

℘ me Joseph Mason
for Mrs. Ann Mason Widd.

[Endorsement on the back of No. 35.] A coppie of a protest made on Mrs. Masons Lands at Newichawanock against the proceedinge of Mr Richard Leader whoe hath entered uppon it wi^th^out Consent.

Dated the 4th of July 1651

Colonial State Papers. Vol. 11, *No.* 70.

Province of Mayne the 6th of November 1652.

Right Honourable

God who hath made all nations of one . . . to dwell upon ye face of the earth, And hath appointed the bounds of their habita . . . By his pvidence hath designed us to possess and inhabit a tracke of Land part of ye Continent of America, called ye Province of Mayne by the late Kinge in his letters Pattents to S^r^ ffardinando Gorge for the Government of the same, who by his deputies did for many Yeares exercise jurisdiccon amongst us, Hee at length dissertinge us; ffor our better Rege . . . We were forced to enter into a Combination for Government as by our Remonstrance & Petition to your Honnours in December last 1651 more at large doth appeare.

Since wch time takinge notice of sundry Acts of Parliam^t^ the one of them declareinge all the Islands & Planta . . . in America to be dependant uppon & subordinat to . . . Commonwealth of England. And in obedience thereon wee have taken ye Ingagement to the same and ℘ceede accordingly in keepinge our Courtes & Issuinge furth . . . warrants in ye name of the Keepers of the liberties . . . England accordinge to an act beareing date the . . . January 1648.

And Conceavinge our selves to be members of the Co . . . wealth of England, thinke it our bound in duty to your Honors and Accoumpt of all our one ℘ceedings, the ℘ceedings of our neighbours of Massetuss . . . wards us, who of late lay Claime by vertue of their Pattent, both to ye Government & ppriety of the . . . although wee have quietly possest Improved, And . . . it this twenty yeares,

wch themselves have owned By severall Letters from their Generall Court, as dist . . . from them, their bounds beinge formerly sett out by the State of England three miles this side Merimake River wch Comes ffarr short of this Province severall other Pattents lying between theirs & ours who have likewise formerly exercised Government distinct from them now therefore our Humble request is y^t^ your honors bee pleased to give Audience unto our Agent Mr Richard Leader whome wee have Impowr'd to transact in our affaires, And to whome wee humbly desire you to manifest your favours towards us, who in faithfulnesse Remaine

Yo^r^ Houn^rs^ to be Commanded

Edward Godfrey Gower

in the name & by the order of the Generall Court

[A portion of this document is missing.]

[*Joseph Mason's Petition.*]

Colonial State Papers. Vol. 12, *No.* 3.

[May 6, 1653.]

To the Honored the Governo^r^ the Deputy Governor, Magistrats, & Deputyes of the honnored the Generall Court, now assembled in Boston the six of May 1653 &c

Concerning y^e^ (Massachusetts) proceedings at Strawberrybank

The humble petition of Joseph Mason.

Humblye sheweth that your Petitioner, is employed by Mistris Ann Mason, Executrix of Captain John Mason her deceassed husband, who with others his associates were interested in certaine lands in this Country of New England by vertue of a grant under the broad seal of England from his Majestie, that then was called the Laconia Patent, confirmed upon S^r^ ffardinando Gorges, and Captain John Mason and their heirs for ever ffor divers & good Considerations therein expressed more at large in the said grant will appear. And whereas uppon Survaying those Lands (within granted) being at Pascataqueck Alias Pascataway do find divers Intrutiones & incroachments made uppon those lands by the inhabitants of Strawberry Banck, & others

molesting our Tenantes and dispossing of our Lands and of our Tennants Lands (which for sixteen years past) was granted unto them by lease from the then agents of the proprietors, as I am ready to make appear unto this honored Court our just right & titell to the p^r^mises and off our great Cost & charges laid out Upon the Erecting & building of a ffort & plantting the same with Ordinance Musketts and all manner of amunition fitting for defence of the said River, & built other houses for inhabitants uppon the great Iland, and was really possessed of the same, and so have had upon that great Iland and other Ilands ever since, by our Tennants that renders us acknowledgment (as in right they ought to do) & keep possession for us, as unto this day notwithstanding by reason of bad Agents our pticular howses have decaied the ffort ruined & our Gunns caried away (except one peece of Ordnance) all wich was at the cost and charges of those forenamed Proprietors S^r^ ffardinando Gorge & Captain John Mason & their associats, who were at the charges & had a magazine of all manner of Amunition for the defence of the same River, that was ready at the great house for to furnish the Inhabitants in time of Danger which cost the said Proprieto^rs^ many a thousand pounds & now upon examination of that Estate, can find nothing left, but the bare lands & the monuments of ruine with sundry Incroachments of the inhabitants of Strawberry Banck (as aforesaid) upon the said lands who disposeth of the same among themselves by vertue of their Township (as they ꝑtend the Authority whereof as I supose) should bee derived from this honored Court & not of them selves and therefore in the behalf of Mistris Ann Mason & the rest of the proprietors I doe here humbly addresse my self for remedye they haveing sustained great damages by their intrutions & disposalls of our Lands as aforesd without our consent And for the better satisfaction of this general Court in point of Right & titell unto theise lands, with other possessions, within the said River of Pascataway your petioner is alwaies redy to make appear the aforesaid Proprietors Rights for avoiding future suites in law, that otherwise may arise or grow hereon.

Your Petion^rs^ humble request is, that this honored Court would be pleased to take into Consideracon the great wrongs & damages we have sustained by the aforesaid men of Strawberry Bank, that they may be called to account for their so doing and if so be that any of them desire to be further satisfied of our propertye or just titell unto the p^r^mises, that then this honored Court would be pleased to appoint Comission^rs^ that lives there abouts (and I will under favor of this honored Court) nominate others in the behalfe of the Proprietors, that so this honored Court may be informed of the truth of all what is

hereby desired, that due Justice & Right may be rendered unto us, And in the mean time I humblye desire, that timely notice may be given unto the select men of Strawberry Bank that they act no further by their pretended power as aforesaid, and your petitioner, as in Duty he is bound shall pray for your hapines & welfare.

[Endorsed] A Copie of the Petition given into ye general Court Against their proceedings at Strbery bancke &c.

6 May, 1653.

[See Vol. I. pp. 205–207. — Ed.]

Colonial State Papers. Vol. 13, *No.* 79.

[1659. Abstract only.]

A printed Petition

To the Right Honourable the Parliament of the Commonwealth of England And the Dominions thereto belonging.

The Humble Petition of Edward Godfrey, Oliver Godfrey, Fardinad Gorges, Robert Mason, and Edward Rigby, Henry Gardner, and sundry other Pattentees and Inhabitants of the Provinces of Mayne, and Liconia, in New England:

Most Humbly sheweth, Sundry of your Petitioners having bin versed in the Oriental parts of the World, in the same Latitude, as New England is the West hoping to fix them, and their Posterities, for the Honour of God good of the Nation, and propagating the Gospel, with hope of improvement for future, at great charges procured sundry Pattents in the parts of America call'd New England; with divers priviledges as may appear: possesse themselves of divers tracts, and parcels of Land & so forth . . . It recites the loss of £100 000 & relations slain by the Indians . . . Godfrey (one of the Petitioners being 75 years of age) hopes for some redress and relief — expended 4 years finds the cure as bad as the disease; Served his Country 46 years in Civil Imployment at his great charge as he can prove & is not ashamed of his poverty &c . . . Desires that the Business may be taken into Consideration for the Honour of God &c . . . his Proceedings and Collections of 55 years Pilgrimage may be made manifest; and the rather as he most hum-

bly conceives, there is matters of high concernment of State Involved in it.

From Newfound land, to Cape Florida, he hath the Mapps, and Cards of his own, French, Dutch, and English, of which at present these few observations or notes:

[Five in number.] . . . . . .

And your Petitioners &c

[Foot-note in manuscript.]

[Endorsed] A petition of Mr. Godfrey concerning his Interests in New England. This was after Richard Cromwell was out.

New England Papers. Vol. —, Page 155 *B.*

[March 14, 1660.]

Consaring the Regment of New England for his Ma^te^ best security & safest waie as I humbly concent In Regard I know the Cuntery from the fyrst discovery lost my nerest relation slaine by the Indians & having faithfully at my owne Charge sarved the Cuntery 25 years by a Duble Recognisence my oath to God my descression experience & fidelyty Confided: wch prased bee God I ꝑformed tell Ejected by the Mathesusets you know in pt my onely sonne his lose & time ther spent 2 viages & Coming for to Transport his wyfe & ffamyly heereing of My Ruen Abeds yot heer I ꝑsume to give you this few lynes.

I ever told you that Pascattowaie River & the pvince of Mayne is of more consarnement to his Ma^ty^ for trad ꝑsent & ffutuer wth discovery of the Cuntery then all New England besids & other reasons as by the mappes may appeer wheather it be not ffitting y^t^ A Generall Govr should Goe the jurisdiction of those Estern p^ts^ may not be Regulated by Comition as formly 30 *yeares w^th^out Complant ther or heer nor nevver questioned till* 1652 *Boston would bee A ffree Stat And Sundery Pattents*

1. The distance ny 80 myles dangerus by sea & in the wynter not pregnable for divers reasons as snow wading &c

2. It will discouridg any publiqe sperited men to undertake the like action . . . after 30 yeares to bee debarred of ther prveleges.

3. His Ma^ty^ will have more power over both the one to bee Instrumentall to keepe the other in its dew obedience.

4. It will Cause An Humlation who shall give the best acc^o^ of the actions to the Supreme power one wch all Pattents depend.

5. Some of the Pattents have there Relation heer & for extraction long experience in the Cuntery Equall wth any in Boston And have ever acted for his Ma^te^ Interest have Pattents Com^rs^ ffrendly & now living ar Capt Henery Joseline Capt ffrancis Champernone Mr Tho. Jourdan An Orthodox devine for the Church of England & of great pt^y^ & Estate M^r^ Jo. Gefford goeth this yeare Mr Joseph Mason ther for Ed Godfrey hee is too ould to acte yet Oliver Godfrey his sonne & granghild being well versed in the Cunter y^f^ landed will wth the ℙsidente of Ed Godfrey assist to the Uttermost ther life & power Excuse my bouldness being Yo^r^ ever obliged servant to bee Comded

Ed Godfrey

[Endorsed] 14 March 1660 The Information of Mr Edward Godfrey sometimes Govern^r^ of the Province of Mayne Concerning the Consequence of that Province And the usurpation of the Bostoners

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New England Papers. Vol. —, Page 168.

[April 7, 1663.]

Letter from Mr Godfrey to Mr Povey ab^t^ a discription of ye province of Maine.

Ho Sir

I have ffrendly wrot you A breefe description of the ℙvince of Mayne how it standeth att p^r^sent Know as Columbus offered the descovery of the West India to Henery the 7th you ar att present offered a tracte of Land all reddy discovered & in p^t^ populated wth English wch for ffutuer & descovry is of more Consarnement then any pt of America as yet settled and by the English & that you may have p^r^sent pfitt w^th^out s^d^ Charge Honor & Good to yor selves wch you & my lord Roberts sonne Mr Hende Glory to god gave to his Ma^ti^ benyfit to y^or^selves & good to the whole Cuntery send but for Gorges to M^r^ ffrances lutterells att Grase In & taulke wth him, you will fynd him a man not Capable of such a great busines to bee the undoing of soe many loyall subjects & suffer thos ptes of the wch tell 1652 had ever lived according to his Ma^ti^ Lawes as by the Report you know & y^s^ hand testifieth but now is mad a Recepticle of thos of Heugh Peeter: Vane Vener: Baker: Portter who to avoyd ther p^r^cipies fly theather (cousacre in Sacro) for shelter & keep us Loyall subjects out of our Inheritanc after 30 yeares possetion soe deerly bought now in Great Mystery except God rayes ffrends I humblie desyer you to taulke wth Lord Roberts sonne Mr Hende & that I may

know ye resolution though Gorges Grandes have Plunderd my house in New England & possessed them selves of most of my Collections Records ꝑsidents & pays of 55 yeares travell I have sufficient heer to Guid A Right Course and settell those p^ts as frendly to any reasonable man & that w^thout Id Charges but ꝑsent pfit to the undertakers I humbly Crave two words in Andswer & Rest.

Yo^r sarvant to bee Comded

Ludgat A. D. 7 Aprill 63. Edward Godfrey.

Att the Cloosing hereof nuse is brought mee that one Mr Nicoles belonging to the Duke of York is to goe for New England wch yf you may Informe him of me I have all passeges of 40 yeares in that Cuntery will shewe him & you what is needful therein.

[Addressed] ffor the Right Worship^l Thomas Povey thes ꝑsent

[Endorsed] Lett^rs from Mr Godfrey to Mr Povey 7th Aprill 1663.

New England Papers. Vol. —, Page 260.

[June 18, 1665.]

To Col^o Nicholls Honorable S^r

May it please you yesterday was sevennight to being ye 10th of June the Court adjourned till october the last thing they did was the making an order, that the Courts usually by them kept at pascataway and in the province of Maine should be soe still continued and that none should take any notice of any other authority but theirs and to that purpose we find orders given in every place wee come.

The 11th of June we began o^r journey to the eastwards, at Salem were nobly treated by Capt Curwin and Mr Browne and shuld soe also have been by others if wee had stayed, from thence wee went for Ipswich where by Major Dennison, Capt Appleton and others wee were gallantly entertained wee staid there but one night, and the next day wee went to Newbury and thence the same night Sr Robt and Collonell Cartwright went to Hampton three miles beyound the Massachusets bound house, I lodged at Salisbury 5 miles short of it, the next morning wee mett and went to the place where the Bound house stood and then to Hampton where wee were very well entertained and made extreame wellcome being mett at the townes end by both the horse and foote the next day wee were accompanied out againe in the same manner the inhabitants expected wee should have declared them freed from the Massachusets Governement and that wee

would have established his Ma^{ts} authority among them, from thence wee went to pascataway where wee yet remaine and shall two or three dayes . . . much of the time spent in inquiring into Mr Masons right to the Cou . . . of Hampshire wee find most of the people to acknowledge Mr Masons r . . . and that hee is the true lord proprietor of this province allthough the Massachusets have subjected it under their Jurisdiction and have . . . the inhabitants to take titles from them having disposed of the . . . as they think fitt as also the houses built by Capt Mason and afor . . . the mouth of this River which is now in their possession, here are severall persons yet living that were servants to Capt Mason and shewed us many things that hee had done, among others Capt Joceline who had been for severall years his Agent here gave us an accott in particular of the whole matter and of the manner of the Massachusets encroachments which is now too tedious to relate.

Wee summoned the inhabitants of Dover Exeter and other townes to attend us at this place, to heare his Maj^{ts} letters read, and although they were commanded by the Massachusets not to give any obedience to summons, and also forbid by such officers as they had sent hither to appeare at their perill yet the people came generally in from all parts and shewed us very great respect and expressed much lo . . . to his Maj^{tie} our entertainement here hath been very noble and . . . When wee have done here wee shall goe over the River into t . . . of Maine and soe onwards.

I Remaine S^{r}
Your humble Servant
Samuell Mavericke.

Portsmouth at Pascataway June 18th 1665

[N. B. The original document is partly missing, accounting for blanks.]

[See Vol. I. p. 252. — Ed.]

New England Papers. Vol. —, Page 172.

[July, 1665.]

To the Hono^{ble} his Maties Commission^{rs} for the affaires of New England in America &c.

The Peticon of part of the inhabitants of Portesmouth and Strawberry Bank, Humbly sheweth

That whereas yor peticoners for severall years last past have bin

kept under the Gov^{r}nm^{t} of the Massachusets by an usurped power whose laws are derogatory to the laws of England under which power five or six of the ritchest men of this parish have ruled swaied and ordered all offices both civill & military at their pleasures, none of yor Hono^{rs} peticonrs though Loyall subjects, & some of them well acquainted with the Laws of England, durst make any opposition for feare of great fines or long imprisonment and for want of estates could not peticon home to his Matie for relief, which the contrary party well knoweth, have kept us under hard servitude, and denyed us in our publique meeting the Common prayer Sacram^{ts} and decent buriall of the dead contrary to the Laws of England & his Maties lre sent by Simon Broadstreet, & John Norton in the yeare 1662. And not only so but have also denied us the benefit of freemen, contrary to his Maties said letter and likewise at the election of officers the aforesaid party or the greatest part of them have always kept themselves in offices for the manageing of the gifts of lands & setling them, whereby yor peticoners are not only disabled but also descouraged for continuance in the plantation, & have engrosed the greatest part of the lands within the precincts & limits of this plantation into theire owne hands and other honest men that have been here a considerable time have no lands at all given them, and some that have had lands given & laid out to them, the said contrary party have desowned the grants, and laid it out to others.

The premisses considered, we hope your Hono^{rs} will take it under yor protection, and government & rectifie those miscarriages, that thereby his Maties Loyall Subjects may pertake of all such priviledges & liberties, as his Maties gratious pleasure hath bin pleased to confer upon his Subjects in forraigne plantacons and that thereby we may be the more stirred up to glorifie God for his mercies towards us in releasing us out of such great servitude & tirany, & your peticoners shall always pray for your Hono^{rs} happiness in this life, & eternall felicitie in the life to come.

ffrancis Champernowne	John Partridge	ffrancis Jones
Abraham Corbet	William Cotton	William Hearle
John Pickering	Richard Sloper	Thomas Avery
Anthony Bracket	George Wallis	George Walton
ffrancis Drake	Mark Hunking	Sam. Roby
James Johnson	John Johnson	Edw : West
John Sherborne	John Berry	Georg. Gray
Nath. Drake	John ffrost	Thom : ffallingsby
Edward Clark	Joseph Attkinson	John Tanner
Sam : ffernalle	John Jones	George Drake
ffran. Ran	Henry Savage	

The parties we peticon against are

Joshua Moody M^{r} [Minister]
Rich Cutt
John Cutt
Elias Styleman
Nathaniel ffryer
Bryan Pendleton
} Merch^{ts}

New England Papers. Vol. —, Page 171.

[July 26, 1665.]

Praying to be freed from ye Jurisdiction of ye Massachusetts

To the Kings most Excellent Matie

The humble peticon of the inhabitants of Portesmouth and Strawberry Bank Dover : Exiter and Hampton, Humbly sheweth

That yor Maties peticoers were much transported wth joy and hope of settlem^{t} when they heard of the care yor Matie had of these plantacions in New England and had heard the power wch yor Matie had given yor Commissio^{er} for the appointing of bounds and gov^{r}m^{t} amongst us here But yor Maties peticoers find to theire great griefe that the Masachusetts Denying that authorytie wh^{ch} yor Matie gave yor Commission^{rs} hath hindered us from that good wch were Expected from those Commissio^{rs}

Wherefore yor Maties peticoers humbly desire that yor Matie would be gratiously pleased to take them into yor Royall pteccon and govrnm^{t} and joyne them to the pvince of Meyne that they may be gov^{ed} by the knowne lawes of England and enjoy the use of both the sacramts wch they have bin too deprived of. And as in all duty bound, yor peticoers shall dayly pray for the increase of all earthly hono^{r} untill you arive at the heavenly kingdome

ffran Champernowne
Edward Hilton
Abra Corbett
John foulsham signum
Marke M H Hanckings signum
Thomas F T Walford
Henerie Sherburne
Phillip Chasley
Patrick Jameson
Daniell Blake
Symon Lea
James Oare
Jam Smith
the mke of × James Johnson

ffrances Gray
Gorg Iraf
Nath Drake
Joseph Atkinson
John Shirborne
Antho : Brackett
the mke of ffran : × Ran
John Jackson
Walter Abbetts mke ×
Phesant Eastwick
William Seavey
the mke of William × Zearle
John Webster
Signum John × Jones
Signum ffrances × Jones
Richard Scamond
Signum William × Cotton
John Widdon
Signum Samuell × Whiddon
James Jones
Thomas ffooteman
Robt Watson
David Hammedleton
James Harben
Robert Burnum
Richard Sloper
Edward West
the mke of John × Pickering sen
John Pottell
the mke of F D ffrances Drake
Jo. Tanner
Patrick Denmark
Will Jones
Thomas Roberts Sen
Ralph Termly
Tho Hanson
James Necoth
James Buncker
Will ffollett
John Godard
Robert Heden
Ben Hull
John Yorke
Richard Yorke
John Hilton
John Huncking
Tho : Avery

Vera Copia Attested by me Abra Corbett

[Endorsed] The Peticon of the Inhabitants of the Eastward parts to his Majestie 26 July 1665

New England Papers. Vol. 42, Page 368.

[May 20, 1667.]

Worthy ffreend

I have rec^{d} from ye hands of coll^{l} Richard Nicholls Governo^{r} of all the Territoryes of New England in America under the Duke of Yorke y^{t} pattens and powers given him by thyself who hath also impowered me to take care of thy whole estate of Land in the said pattent contained in order thereunto have made claime in thy behalf in all the Townes within the Limitts of New Hampshire, the Inhabitants wherof parts of them are willing to comply others are discouraged to the Contrary by Cap^{n} Richard Walderne Peter Cuffin and some others inhabitants within the said province, and encouraging

many to stick to the Governem^{t} of the Massachusetts, themselves having gotten greate Tracts of Land, and in the most Eminent Places within the said Pattent into their owne hands fearing least should be called to accompt therfore my advice and Councill is y^{t} you use all ffreinds and deligence for the confirmacon of the said Pattents, bounded and limited by o^{r} Kings which if not done the Massachusetts will assuredly continue their power of Governem^{t} and if soe then thou cannot expect any proufitt to accrew out of the same butt if this be attained from the King, I Question not but to bring it in few years to a very valuable estate. On the shipp the greate Duke of Yorke are Loaden Seaverall Masts which were cutt and taken of thy property. Seaverall Testimonys under the hand of one of o^{r} Kings Justices of the peace in the province of Maine who is well knowne to Coll Cartright which testimonyes are for this end to enable thee, by arresting the said Masts to bring the said Walderne and Peter Coffin to a Tryall in England for their soe cutting and carrying away the Masts aforesaid whereby due Satisfaccon may be made thee. I have required Satisfacon from them for their soe doing but will not yeeld complyance in any kind whereupon I signified unto them as by this enclosed you may perceave, if this Shipp departe not to suddenly I may send further Testimony, but however you may expect it by the next, and therefore desire you would make what progress you can for the speedy expediting and effecting of what is before mentioned, I have likewise sent to the Gennerall Courts of Boston to informe them of my power but as yet have had noe answer, a Coppy of which is likewise heer enclosed if happily you shall attaine to the confirmacon of thy pattent. I advise y^{t} thou comissionate some persons heer for carrying on the Governm^{t} thereof as thou shalt be advised by Councill Some persons were desired by thy Kinsman to be nominated before his departure hence a list whereof was given thy said Kinsman Joseph Mason who is now bound for England in the Greate Duke of Yorke, whose names I alsoe thinke good to mention, vizt Henry Jocelyne esq^{r} Nicholas Shapleigh march^{t} Capt ffrancis Champernowne, Edward Hilton Abraham Corbett and Thomas ffooteman if Councill shall advise and you thinke good therof to joyne thy Governm^{t} to the province of Maine, which will be a strengthing to thy authority heer against all opposition. Thou may doe well to impower Some one heer to take care of thy interest within the province of Maine which if timely looked after may prove very proufitable unto thee thus wishing thee true happiness and good Success in the accompleshm^{t} of these affaires, I bid farewell and am

Thy assured ffreind

Passcataway 20th May 1667 Nic. Shapleigh.

[Endorsed] Being Advice to Mr Mason of the State of his Province; and what may bee necessarye to Establish it.

Nicholas Shapleigh

Passcataway 20th May 1667.

New England Papers. Vol. 43, *Page* 38.

[December 11, 1671.]

Mr Mason's Acct of the Comodities of New Hampshire Reced Debr 1671.

New Hampshire in New England is a place the best improved for Land and most populated of any in those partes abounding plentifully with Corne cattle Timber ffish & the people Live generally very comfortably and happy having a greate Trade to all partes Store of Shipping of their Towne which exportes and Importes Yearely some Thousands of Tonns of goods of their owne growth and fforraigne which never pays any custome to the King but some small dutys to ye Massachusetts Bay which if lookt after would amount to a greate Improvement at least foure Thousand pounds ℔ anno which appeares

Goods exported Yearely

Twenty Thousand Tonns of Deales & pipe Staves
Tenne Thousand Quintalls of ffish
Tenne ships loads of masts
Seaverall Thousand of Beaver & Otter Skins

Imported

Three hundred Tonns of Wine and Brandy
Two hundred Tonns of goods fro Leeward Islands
Two Thousand Tonns of Salt.

In reference to each mans Lands every person would be without doubt willing to take new Leases and pay the Lord Proprietor a Quitt Rent with a ffine downe according to such mans capacity provided they might have a finall confirmation which would amount unto a very considerable sume.

The Income of the Saw Mills at Newichewanock is very considerable they paying 200lb ℔ anno for priveledge of Common.

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[March 5, 1674.]

Title of Robert Mason to New Hampshire.

King James of Blessed Memory being very intent in Establishing English Collonyes in America did in the yeare 1616 send John Mason Esqr to Newfoundland to settle that Country appointing him Governour who continued there about Two yeares and having recd orders from His Maj^{tie} to visit y^{t} parte of America now called New England, who togeather with S^{r} fferdinando Gorges made a voyage along y^{t} Coaste in An^{o} 1619, and att their returne for England gave his Maj^{tie} a satisfactory acco^{tt} both of their voyage and Country.

His Maj^{tie} their upon in the year 1620 by his Royall Charter Granted unto diverse of the principall Nobility of his Majties most honourable privie Councill and sundry other persons of quality by the name of the Councill of New England, All the land in America lyeing betwixt the Degrees of ffourty and ffourty eight northerly latitude to them their heyres and assignes forever to be held in ffee with many Royall Priviledges & immunityes only paying to his Maj^{tie} his Heyres and successors one fifth parte of all the Oare of gould and silver which should at any time be found upon the said Lands.

The said Councill of New England the better to plante people and improve y^{t} Countrye did divide the Same into severall provinces and selling the same to Sundry persons and for the more encouragm^{t} did graunte unto them the same Royall ffranchises which were graunted to the Councill amongst which the aforesaid John Mason was the first unto whome a pattent was granted for a large Tract of Land which afterwards was enlarged and is now called New Hampshire.

(1620.) John Mason Esqr grandfather to Robert Mason by vertue of Seaverall Grants in the yeares 1620, 1629 and 1635 made unto him by the Councill of New England was instated in a large province in New England by the name of New Hampshire.

The said John Mason did immediately expend greate sums of money in providing all necessary materialls for peopling planting and improveing his Province sending over many Servants and Artisans for building houses and raising ffortifications furnishing them with Store of Armes and Artillery both greate and small for defence and protection of his Tenants and Servants against the incursions of the Indians, and appointed for his first Steward or Governor Cap^{n} Walter Neale who continued to 1633.

(1633.) To him succeeded Cap^{n} Henry Jocelyne (who is yett living

and a Justice of the peace in y^{t} County, at which time by the encouragem^{t} given to the planters y^{r} province began to be very well peopled, many good houses and saw mills built, the people living in greate Security and good Correspondence with the Indians, the said Cap^{n} Jocelyne continued his Goverem^{t} to the yeare 1638 before which time John Mason Dyes having expended upwards of Twenty Thousand pounds — leaving his widow Sole Executrix and to enjoye the proufitts of ye Estate during the minority of his Grandsoune Robert

(1638.) Then Captn ffrances Norton was sent over as Steward (by Anne Mason the Executrix of John Mason) who exercised y^{t} office very unfaithfully to the yeare 1650 before which time the Inhabitants mightily encreasing and greate numbers dayly arriving from England by reason of the late Civil Wars many whereof were persons of good Quality and Estates did about the yeare 1646 forme themselves into towneshipps.

(1650) To him followed Joseph Mason sent by the aforesaid Anne Mason to settle and governe y^{t} province, who continued in y^{t} Country to the yeare 1667 and having orders to call the aforesaid Norton to acco^{t} who had for many yeares detained the rents and prouitts of y^{t} Province, disposed of the Stock and cattle to his owne use and others of his confederates, The said Joseph Mason did proceed against Norton and his Complices according to Law by Action of Trespass to be tryed within the said County. Issueing out of Writts in the name of Anne Mason (The Royall name not suffered to be used) the said Norton and many of his party were cast in greate Sums of money Whereupon the said offenders went into the Colony of the Massuchusetts to avoid payment of their just debts, and for their better Shelter and protection did enter themselves Church-members of the Congregation in Boston, Who combining with some others of as bad principles with themselves to expell their Lawfull Lord did unite and encourage the Massachusetts to seize upon the province of Hampshire while the Heyre was under age being thereunto countenanced and encouraged by M^{r} ffrost then Secretary to the usurpers then in England, with others of y^{t} party Which councills well suiting with their ambitious designes of making themselves a ffree State did in the yeare 1652 in a hostile manner invade the County of Hampshire compelling the Loyall Inhabitants to a Submission imposing Taxes upon them for to supporte their new acquired greatness and requiring the said Joseph Mason to give the said Norton and others discharges, Setting up against the proprietor many vexatious suites for pretence of Trespasses committed by some of the servants of Jno Mason neare Thirty yeares before And upon designe to compel the Heyre to complye with their Usurped power and to resigne to them by a legall

Surrender the governem^{t} of his province or he should make no benefitt.

(1653.) Whereupon Joseph Mason Agent for Anne Mason did peticon the Generall Court of the Massachusetts then sitting at Boston for redresse and offering to make out the right and Title of the Heyres of Jno Mason to the province of Hampshire ag^{t} all persons and y^{t} punishment might be inflicted upon those who had invaded y^{t} County, But no redress or restitution could be obtained without a submission to y^{t} Court, although John Endicott then Governor of Massachusetts Collony did by his Lre to Anne Mason acknowledge y^{t} they did beleeve she had right to what she did claim And since the Heyre Robert Mason hath come to age he hath, still prosecuted his right having spent therupon upwards of 700^{lb} having absolutely refused any Subjection to the Massachusetts or divest himself of the right of Dominion in his owne province heving as equall a right to the Governem^{t} as to the Land itself.

(1660.) Upon his Maj^{ts} happy restauration Robert Mason did peticon his Maj^{tie} for sending a Generall Governor for New England and to bound each provence, and y^{t} his Maj^{tie} might have a more legall right to the Governem^{t} of Hampshire the said Robert Mason humbly offered the resignation of his Graunt into his Maj^{tis} Royall hands, and to take a new Graunt from his Maj^{tie} with less priviledges and more sutable to Subjects presuming alsoe thatt all the other proprietors would doe the same and follow his Example it being for the Common good the said peticon was well liked but nothing then done thereupon.

(1661.) Robert Mason did again humbly peticon his Maj^{tie} for his protection and reliefe against the Massachusetts his Maj^{tie} therupon was graciously pleased to referre the Examination of the complaints in the said peticon unto many persons of quality, who after severall days meeting in the Admiralty Hall in Doctors Commons and by a publick citation fixt up at the Royall Exchange requiring the Agent of the Massachusetts to appear Accordingly one Mr Leverett did appear in behalf of the said Massachusetts and upon Examining witnesses upon oath and after a full hearing of the whole matter did make a reporte in writing to his Maj^{tie} under their hands in ffeb 1661. Setting forth the right of the said Robt Mason the Usurpacon of the Massachusetts and the damages y^{t} he had sustained by them did amount unto upwards of five Thousand pounds But humbly left it to his Maj^{ties} greate wisedome the manner of righting the said Robert Mason. It being a matter of State wherein his Maj^{ties} concernes were equally involved with the Peticon^{s}

(1664–5.) His Maj^{tie} then intending to settle New England under

his immediate Governem^{t} did appoint Coll Nichols Coll Cartwright with other Commissioners to settle the same the said Commisso^{rs} arriving at Boston and not finding y^{t} reception as was expected and due to their quality they did in 1665 goe into the province of Hamphire and Maine there finding a wellcome reception and a readie compliance to his Maj^{ties} Lres And upon the generall meeting of the Inhabitants of the Provnce of Hampshire the Commisso^{rs} did declare y^{t} Province to be out of the Governem^{t} of the Massachusetts, the people being alsoe very desirous to be freed from their youke and to submitt to his Maj^{ties} Governem^{t} the Commission^{rs} having been in most parts of y^{t} Province as also of Maine to find the inclination of the people, who have Since refused to acknowledge the Massachusetts but doe remaine from the hopes given them from England of a Speedy Settlem^{t} by his Maj^{tie} as was also promised them by his Maj^{ts} Commiss^{rs}

(1667.) By Lres from New England to Robt Mason, as also by his Agent Joseph Mason then newly returned into England.

He is assured of the continued desires of the Inhabitants of both the aforesaid provinces to comply with his Maj^{tes} pleasure in Establishing his Governem^{t} amongst them or y^{t} of their true proprietors the which would without any difficulty be effected his Maj^{tie} only interposing his royall Authority. And doe further certifie by severall affidavits taken before ffrancis Champernowne one of the Justices of the peace for the said County That all the Masts sent his Maj^{tee} from New England upon the shipp called the Greate Duke of York or y^{t} had been sent for England, Two years before were cutt of the Lands of Robt Mason.

(1671.) Robert Mason togeather with fferdinando Gorges esq^{r} proprietors of the province of Maine did peticon his Maj^{tie} to take into his consideration the settlem^{t} of New England & restoring to peticon^{rs} to their Just rights his Maj^{tee} thereupon was graciously pleased to referre the same to the Councill of fforraigne Plantacons for their opinion and advice what was ffitting for his Maj^{tee} to doe therein Who upon examination of the matter did by report in Augt 1671 humbly advise his Maj^{tie} as the best and most effectual meanes To send forthwith Commiss^{rs} for New England to examine to difference touching Boundaryes and to compose the same amicably if they could, or else to state the case betwixt them and report the same to his Maj^{ty} for his Royall Determinacon. Whereupon the 19th of Septemb following the Earle of Arlington informed the Council y^{t} his Maj^{ty} had agreed to send Commiss^{rs} to New England according to their report and desired y^{t} Instruccons might be prepared against Spring And y^{t} the Councill did expect from Mr Mason and Gorges

and obliging them by promise not to sell or parte with their Interests in New England to any person without his Maj^{ties} leave.

(1672.) The Earl of Arlington in prosecution of the former report moved the Councill to proceed in preparing Comissions and Instruccons for Commission^{rs} to be sent to New England. The Warre then being begun with Holland noething was then further done.

By Lres dated in Aug 1672 from ffrancis Champernowne and Henry Jocelyne Justices of the peace for New Hampshire ffresh assurances are given of the earnest desire of the aforesaid Two provinces to have his Maj^{tie} Governem^{t} setled and their resoluteness not to complye with the Massachusetts.

(1674.) The warre with Holland being ended Robert Mason and fferdinando Gorges did againe renew their humble peticon to his Maj^{tie} for settling New England and doe propose to resigneing their Graunts to his Maj^{ty} and taking others with less priviledges Upon certaine conditions very advantageous to his Maj^{tie} all which is under the present consideration of his Maj^{tie} and most honourable privie Council March 1674–5

[Endorsed] The Title and Case of Rob Mason touching the province of New Hampshire in New England March 1674–5

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[Abstract.]

Boston in New England June 17 1676

Commencing : — R^{t} Hono^{ble}

After informing Mr Sec : Coventry of his arrival and reception in Boston Mr Randolph goes on to say —

" The towns upon the Sea Coasts especially Boston & Pascattaway are the residence for fforreigners & English ffactors that have fforeign Com^{ns} for trade here is not any form of a Custom hous, but a small acknowledm^{t} collected on goods imported by the Gov^{rs} & the late Trears Sons who pay ye Surplusage of their Salarys (if any to the Comon Stock here are arrived from sevrall all Ports since the 10th instant from Nants a Bostoner of 100 Tuns Mr Clutterbuck Master Loaden with 50 butts Brandy & other ffrench Comodities also a Pink of Boston from ffrance of 70 tunns with 12 Tun of Brandy Wine & other goods a Scotsman of 130 Tun from the Canaryes with 80 Pipes of Canary a Bostoner of 80 Tuns from ye Canaryes wth 50 Pipes of Canary this day a Ketch of Southampton also from Canary

his Contents & Burthen I know not, about a Month ago a Bostoner of 150 Tuns from the Canary 70 Pipes of Wine, about the same time another Bostoner 160 Tuns from ye Streights with Malaga Wines Oyles and other goods what is come into the River of Pascattaway & other Ports here I have no advice.

. . . . . .

Notwithstanding these disturbances the ffisher men have made very good Voyages having killed above 12000 Kintals of Cod fish at the Islands of Sholds besides what is taken in other Places, the great quantitys of Cod Mackrell and Herring taken upon this Coast are exported to Spaine ffrance and other parts and bring in above 50,000^lb^ yearly to the Markets, the Masts Boards Planks, Pipe staves and timber of all sorts fitt for Shipping exported from hence to Barbados & other parts of the Carib Islands make them profitable returns in Barter besides above 1000 Tunns of Logwood yearly fetched from the Bay of Campeche by the Inhabitants.

Most of the Maritime townes are well stored with able Masters Marriners, ffishermen & good Carpenters they build yearly severall Ships of good burthen besides Ketches & Barks and for these 7 last years Communibus Annis they have lanched 20 Ships some of 100 Tuns & some und^r^ this p^r^sent year Orders were given to sett 30 upon the Stocks by the Merchants in England who make their returns from hence in New Shipping but the Warrs have prevented that number. Yet there are at Boston, Charles Town, Salisbury & other Places above 12 building some of them upward of 160 Tuns as I am informed.

I beseech yor hono^r^ to pardon this imperfect relacon of the p^r^sent State of this Country, the Lawes will discover what I had not time to inquire further into wch with my humble Service I ꝑ^r^sent to yor Hono^rs^ and am

Yo^r^ hono^rs^ most obedient Servt

Edw. Randolph.

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[1676.]

Board of Trade.

The depositions of Mr Edw Johnson aged about 79 yeares having lived in the Countrey fifty five years.

Mr Thomas Withers aged 70 odd yeares: Living in ye Countrey about 45 years

Edw Colcord aged 67 years living in ye Countrey about 46 years.

Thomas Spencer aged about 80 years living in ye Countrey 46 years.

Robert Mendum 76 years living in the Countrey about 46 years

Thomas Crockett aged about 70 years living in ye Countrey about 46 years.

Henry Dowell aged 68 years living in ye Countrey about 45 years.

These persons abovenamed having lived in & neare pescataqua River as above expressed.

Being sumoned before Authority & there being examined made Oath & doe affirm that Capt John Mason did never settle any Goverment nor any people upon any Land called ye province of New Hampshire on the South side of Piscatqa River either by himselfe or any of his Agents to this day. And whereas Mr Robert Mason his Grandchild by his Petition to his Ma^{ty} charges ye Governors of ye Massachusetts or ye Bostoners as he calls them: ffor taking away their Goverm^{t} in a way of Hostility: burning of their houses & Banishing their people out of their dwellings, they doe affirme the same to be positively false.

Taken upon Oath before us this 25th days of August 1676 in Piscataque River in N. England.

Edw: Reshworth }
Elias Stileman } Commis.

The Deposition of William Seavy aged about seventy five years.

Saith that he came into New England upon a fishing acco^{t} at ye Isles of Sholes neare ye River of Piscataqa about a year before Capt Neale went from this Countrey for England who (as this Deponent was credibly informed) came over on ye acco^{t} of Capt Mason about ye yeare One thousand six hundred & thirty & y^{t} the s^{d} Capt. Neale lived in a house in ye Little harbour of Piscataqa which by comon Report was formerly built by some Merchants &c. of Plymouth in England And about a year after this Deponent came over into New England which was in ye year 32 Capt Neale went back againe for England & left Thomas Wannerton in trust with what estate was left behind, that was either sent out of England or improved here And that the Cattle that were Left of Capt Masons were fetcht away by one Capt Norton of Charlestowne in ye Massachusets Baye and ye rest of w^{t} was left was disposed off and spent by ye s^{d} Wannerton who afterwards was kild by the ffrench in this Countrey of New England And further saith that neither Capt Neale nor Capt Mason nor

any by from or under y^{m} did ever set up or exercise any Goverm^{t} in this Countrey more than over the family that Capt Neale brought with him Nor ever built any house or settled any family here except a trading house at Niwichewanacke to trade with the Indians that ever this Deponent knoweth or heard of who hath been in this Countrey and in the same place for ye most part to this day ever since.

Portsmouth ye 3d Sep^{t} 1676 William Seavy came and made Oath to ye above written before us

Elias Stileman } Comiss^{s}
Edw : Rishworth }

[Endorsed] Read 13 July 1691, &c.

New England Papers. Vol. 42, Page 128.

[September 6, 1677.]

To the Right Honble the Lords of the Comittee for Trade and Plantations.

An Account of Land lying between the Massachusets & ye province of Maine

In obedience to yor Lord^{ps} comand requiring an account of Such Places as by the late Opinion & Report of ye Lords Chief Justices are now without the Bounds of the Massachusets Colony in New England, & within the Limits of no other Jurisdiction there Established, The Agents of the sayd Colony doe humbly informe & shew.

That between the Northern Bounds of the Massachusets Colony (as now retrenched, & by the Report abovesayd limited & stated) & the Southern Bounds of the Province of Main, allowed & adjudged to Mr Gorges, there doth lye a small tract of Land, w^{ch} (though begun to bee peopled & Planted upwards of fourty years since yet) by reason of the Scantinesse of its accomodations contains in it no more then foure Plantations, or Townes (the Inhabitants whereof are but few in number, & the generality of them of mean & low estates.

That these Places have never been taken in by any other Government but that of the Massachusets, under wch they have been to their great advantage & content fixed, very neer fourty years ; But if taken off from that Goverment, will be under none & so his Mat^{ies} imediate dispose how to be Setled for the future.

It is therefore most humbly moved & prayed by the sayd Agents, on behalf of the sayd Plantations, & people (whose minds herein are

very well known to them) that your Lord^{ps} may approve it, & his Matie may graciously please to graunt that the sayd Tract & Plantations may be continued & setled under the Goverment of the Massachusets, wch they have so long Experienced & are satisfyed with. Hereby the Northern Bounds of that Colony will be freed from intricacy, many hazards & charges will be prevented. The Inhabitants will be gratified A great Obligation will by his Matie be layd upon the whole Colony, by this expression of his favo^{r} in such a further trust comitted to them. And no injury will be done to any one clayming propriety in the soyle or any part thereof, the determination of wch according to justice & in such way as his Matie shall appoint, is not in the least desired or designed should be obstructed or hindred hereby

All wch is humbly submitted &c.

William Stoughton
Peter Bulkeley

6 Sepr 1677 Ent^{r} N. E. 237

[*Dover Petition*, 1677.]

New England Papers. Vol. 42, *Page* 132.

[October 22, 1677.]

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty

The humble Petition of Yo^{r} Majesty's Subjects the house holders of the Town of Dover upon Piscataqua river N : England.

That for as much as through the goodnesse of god & the favour of yor Most Excellent Majesty (wch like the Sweet Influences of Superior or heavenly bodies to the Tender Plants, hath cherish'd us in our weaker beginnings haveing been continued through yor Speciall grace under yor Maj^{ties} Protection & Governen^{t} of ye Massachusets to wch wee Voluntarily Subjected our Selves, many years agoe, yet not without Some Necessity, in Part felt for want of Goverm^{t} & in part feared upon the Account of protection wch hath been more aparent since ; the happy event or issue of wch doth cause us to be humble & earnest Supplicants to yor Majesty at this time, that wee may be continued under the Jurisdiction of the Massachusets as formerly, our full Acquiesieing wherein & ample Satisfaction where-

wth wee doe hereby make our Serious profession of, & Doe therefore beg yor Royall Assent thereunto, wch favour of yor Maj^{ties} wee shall Acçount as a cloud of ye Latter rain & be further quickned to pray for all manner of Prosperity upon yor Maj^{ties} Person & Counsels as becomes yor Loyall Subjects

Dated in Dover the 22^{d} Ocotober 1677

They pray to be continued under ye Massachusetts governm^{t}

John Evens
William Shukford
Isak Trackie
Sighne of Gershom × Wentworth
John Hill
John Rann
Willm ffurber Junr
John Gerrish
George × Bracou his mark
John × Winget his mark
Stephen Jones
Richard × Roe his mark
Thomas × Cauny his marke
Thomas × Hamock his mark
Richard Waldern
William Wentworth
John Davis
John Robearts
Anthony Nutter
John × Hud his mark
John Bickford
Nathaniel Stones
Sign of Ginkin × Jonnes
Thomas × Roberts his mark
Ezekell × Winford mark
Thomas Downes
Joseph Canne
John Church
Thomas Edgrly
John Dam
John Ham
John Hall Junior
William ffurbur
Henry × Langtof his mark
John Hall Senior
John × Bickford his mark
Thomas Beard
Charles × Adams mark
Job Clements

[*Exeter Petition*, 1677.]

New England Papers. Vol. 42, *Page* 133.

We whose names that are under wrytten being the inhabitants and dwellers of the towne of Exeter, doe manifest hereby that it is our humble desire, that if it be thought meete that an addresse should be made to his Majesty for the Continuance of the ꝑsent government under which wee have lived many years, that in the same address or petition that among others these our names may be inserted in reference to the present Gov^{r}ment from Pascataquack to Merimacke river excepting the three miles.

Sam Dudley
John Gillman
Rob: Wadleigh
Robert Smart Senior
Samuell Leane
John Foullsam
Robert Jones
Jonathan Thing
Bily Dudly
Daniel Gilman
Moses Leavitt
Ralph Hall
Samewell ffoullsham
Petter ffoullsham
Eph ffoullsham
Charles Gliten
Theophi Dudley
Antip^as Maverick
Samuel Hall
John Gillen guner
William Hacket
Robert Powell
Rich: Seamon
Conealles Learey
Edward Gillman
Willim More
Daved Larence
Thomas Rolines
Linsley Hall [Kinsley ?]
Richard Morgin
Humphery Willson
Edward Sewell

[*Portsmouth Petition*, 1677.]

New England Papers. Vol. 42, *Page* 134.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty & o^r Dread Soveraign

The Humble Addresse of your Maj^tie Subjets ye Householders of ye Town of Portsm^o on Pascataq River in N England Humbly showeth

That the fear of loseing the long enjoyed & still desired Benefitt of ye Massachusets Governm^t hath occasioned us to adventure to speak unto o^r Soveraign Lord ye King, it may bee ye Words of o^r Lord ye King may bee comfortable to us & he will ℘form ye Request of his Servants y^t wee may bee continued & settled under ye same Jurisdiction as formerly, unto which wee at first Voluntarily subjected ourselves and have never yet had any cause to repent of our so doeing; under which by ye good hand of o^r God upon us & your Majesties Authority over us wee have been duely encouraged to lead quiet & peaceable lives in all Godlines & Honesty; with which also wee rest fully satisfied & contented. Wee are men y^t desire to fear ye Lord & ye King & not to medle with them y^t are given to Change, as well knowing what confusions distractions & Damage Changes of Governm^ts are not unusually attended with. May this thing seem good in yor Majesties eyes & may we bee favoured in this Matter,

wee shall pay our Vowes to ye ffather & ffountain of all o^r Mercies & find ourselves further obliged to offer up o^r Prayers for ye life of ye King &c.

Dated in Portsm^o in Pascatq River in N. E. this 22 Octob^r 1677

Tobias Leare
John × Westbrooke
Israell Phillips
Tho Daniel
Wm Vaughan
John Shipway
Samuell Haines Junr
John Sherburne
William × Row
John × Breuster
Charles Allin
John Clarke
Richard Watterhouse
Francis × Rannd
John × Berry
Samuell Haines Senr
Thomas × Seavie
John Hunkings
John ffletcher
John Cutt Junr
Richard Jackson
Richard Webber
Richard Tucker
John Jackson
Samuell Keais
George Lauers
Richard Shortridge
William × Ratclife
James Jones
John × Johnson
John Partridge
Brian Pendleton
John Dame
John Pickerin
Jno Hody
Anthony × Bracket
Leonard × Weeks
Mathias Hanes
John Rand
Joshua Moodey
John Cutt
Elias Stileman
Richard Martyn
Nath ffreyer
Jo : Harall
Richard × Cumins
Robert Elliot
Ben Hollis
Sam^ll Wentworth
Walter Neale
robbart pariaton
Obediah Mors
William Seavey
Ric Stileman
John Tucker
W^m × Hamm

[*Hampton Petition*, 1677.]

New England Papers. Vol. 42, *Page* 135.

To the High & Mighty Monarch, Our Deare & Dred Soveraigne Lord Charles the Second by the Good Providence of God King of Great Brittain France and Ireland and Defender of the Faith &c.

The Humble Petition of the Subscribing Inhabitants of your Majesties Towne of Hampton in the County of Norfolke in New England, Submissely Showeth.

That Whereas wee are under a deepe sence of the Divine Benediction in our Enjoyment of Lands & Libertyes by your Majestyes Royall Protection under the Gevernement of your Loyall Collony of the Massachusetts for the space of about 40 yeares as also being awed by the Divine Aphorisme of that wisest of Princes who hath comanded us to fear God & Honour Our King & not medle with man given to change Wee therefore doe in all humble Loyalty beseech your Most Serene Majesty if it may Consist with your gracious Pleasure & our Allegiance & Duty that we may bee continued under the Governement of the Massachusetts and the Influence of your most August Sovereignty

Hampton October 22 in the yeare of our Lord 1677 & in the yeare of our Soveraigne Lord Charles ye 2^d^ 29th and remaine

Your most Loyall Subjects & Constant Votaries at the Throne of Grace

William Samber
Anthony Stanyan
William Fifield Senior
Isaac Marston
Epherhaim Marston
John Marston
Jonathan Wedgwood
Christopher Palmer
John Godfrie
Daniel Dow
John fuller
Daniel Lampree
John Clifford Ju^r^
Thomas Marston
John Molton
Adonias Webster
John Souter
Hum Godfray
Joseph Moulton
John Knowles
Abraham Cole
John Samborn Ju
John Smith
John Tucke
Thomas Robey
Seaborne Cotton
Richard Sambourne
Henry Dow
Mauris Hobs Senior
Crystoper Hassey
Andrew Wiggin
Samuell Dalton Senr
Rob Haye.
John Samborne
William ffuller
Antony Taylor
Abraham Perkins
John Meryan
Godfrey Derbarn
John Clifford Se^r^
Nath^ll^ Bachiler
ffrancis Page
Nath^ll^ Weare
Thomas Nudd
Edward Colcord
Samuel Dalton Junr
John Brown Sen
Abra Drak Sen
Benjamin Mouton
Henry Mouton

[*Petition from Mason and Gorges*, 1677.]

New England Papers. Vol. 43, *Page* 203.

[January 9, 1677.]

That His Ma^{ty} will appoint a Gov^{t} for the Province of Main & New Hampshire.

To the Kings most Excellent Majestie The humble Petition of Robert Mason and fferdinando Gorges Showeth,

That the Agents of the Massachusets Bay in New England, have not only before yor Maj^{tie} in Councill But also before the Lords Chief Justice, disclaimed All Right and Title to the Soyle of the Two provinces of New Hampshire and Main (the Inheretance of yor pet^{rs}) and did only insist upon the Government thereof upon pretence of a Grant from Yo^{r} Maj^{ts} Royall ffather (the which was fraudulently obtained) The said Lords Chief Justices upon hearing what the said Agents could Alledge: Have made Report, That the said Massachusets had no colour of pretence to Government in New England, ffurther Northward than Three miles North of Merrimack River, which is about Twenty miles in length upon the Sea Coast within the Lands of Yo^{r} pet^{r} Mason. The rest of his province stretching Northward along the Sea coast to Pascataway River and up within the same to the Head thereof. ffrom which River begins the Province of Main, belonging to yor Pet^{r} Gorges and extends still Northward upon the Sea Coast to Sagadahock River which parts the said Province from that belonging to his Royall Highness the Duke of York. ffrom which said Province of New hampshire and Main are cutt All the Masts and Planks that are brought for England, and most if not all, that serves yor Maj^{ty} other Plantations in America. Boston itself being also beholding thereunto for Timber and ffish the chief ffishing of New England being at the Isles of Shoals, which are particularly Granted and equally devided to yor pet^{rs} The which remaining Part of New Hampshire and that of Main are full Thrice as large upon the Sea coast as All the Dominion which the Massachusetts Government can pretend unto. Yet the wealth and Revenues which they draw from thence makes them still Struggle, and try all means to keep them in their power and obedience.

That not only yor pet^{rs} But every loyal Subject in New England are sensible of the Mischeifs and Miseries that have befallen Those Colonies by reason of a divided and disjointed Government and are likely to increase more and more and therby to become an easie

Prey to every Invader, if not prevented by yor Maj^{ty} protection in the Establishment of One General Governor The apprehension whereof did excite the best and most wealthy of the Inhabitants to petition Yo^{r} Maj^{ty} Commissioners in 1665 ffor the establishing Yo^{r} Maj^{ty} Royal Authority among them wherein Yo^{r} pet^{rs} have also been humble Supplicants ever since Yo^{r} Maj^{ts} happy Restauration.

And althhough yor pet^{rs} doe claime a Right of Governing within their respective lands by vertue of their Grants ffrom yor Maj^{ts} Royal Predecessors Yet as well for the Honor and Interest of yor Maj^{tie} as for the protection and wellfare of Yo^{r} Maj^{ts} Subjects in those Parts Yo^{r} Pet^{rs} have humbly offered and doe now most humbly offer to surrender unto yor Maj^{ty} Royal hands, All their Right and Title to Government with such other Royalties as the honor or convenience of yor Maj^{tie} may require, when ever it shall please Yo^{r} Maj^{tie} to establish a General Governor in those parts And Yo^{r} pet^{rs} have good reason to hope, that this Their Act of Loyalty and obedience will induce the other Colonies (especially those of Plimouth and Connecticut who have been always very affectionate to yor Maj^{ty} service) to a humble submission to yor Maj^{ty} Royal pleasure, And doe not question but the Magistrates of Boston itself (some ffew ill affected persons who like no Government but their owne Excepted) will find it their true interest and happiness to be under Yo^{r} Maj^{ties} Just and Mild Government. The better and major part of these Inhabitants being Asservers of yor Maj^{ties} Royall Authority As may appear by the annexed Copy of a Remonstrance presented to the General Court in Octob 1666, and signed by upward of one hundred hands.

But if it shalbe Yo^{r} Maj^{ty} pleasure not to establish a General Governor over the whole Territory of New England. Yet Yo^{r} pet^{rs} to lett their aspiring Neighbors the Massachusets see, That they themselves are farr from being ambitious of Governing and Ruling over Yo^{r} Maj^{ty} Subjects there inhabiting.

They humbly pray Yo^{r} Maj^{tie} to appoint a Governor over those Two entire Provinces, and that they may for the future be annexed as to Government, and that they may have Authority to raise a standing Revenue by Customs and Excise or any other way that shall be found most Easie to the people ffor the Support of yor Maj^{ty} Governor and the Government and Defence of the Country ffrom the Invasion and Encroachments of the Infidels and others. And that the Jurisdiction may extend over all yor pet^{rs} lands according to their Grants And ffor their great Damages which Yo^{r} pet^{rs} have soe long sustained by the violent intrusion and continued Usurpation of the Massachusets Government (especially since 1665, when yor Maj^{ts} Commissioners were not only obstructed but highly affronted in the settlement of

Yo^{r} pet^{rs} Provinces) Yo^{r} Pet^{rs} humbly submitt the manner of their Reparation unto yor Maj^{ts} Royal pleasure and determination

And shall ever pray

Rec^{d} the 9th of Jan^{ry} 77 Referred to the Comm^{ttee} 23^{d}

New England Papers. Vol. 42, Page 176.

Read 13 Feb: 1678.

An Account from the Agents of Boston concerning their Northern Bounds.

To the Right hono^{ble} the Lords of the Comittee for Trade & Plantations.

In observance of yor Lords^{ps} directions of the 15th of January last upon Mr Mason's Petition concerning some Lands pretended to by him in New England, We humbly offer.

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For that part of Mr Masons clayme which falls to the Northward of our Line, the Right to the Soyle is not yet determined between the Inhabitants (that have been possessed there of about 50 yeares) & Mr Mason, & those severall others persons who may with as much reason make their demands as he.

In the meane time the People of the 4 Small Plantations upon this Tract (which are all that it is capable of, notwithstanding Mr Masons large representation of 30 miles) being no waies sufficient to be put under a distinct or seperate Goverment, have made their humble and unanimous Petitions to his Matie which are now lying before yor Lord^{p} That as to Governm^{t} (which Mr Mason hath no pretence to) they may be annexed to the Massachusetts, & thereby continued in the same State, wherein to their great & generall Satisfaction & benefitt they have been for about 40 yeares last past which Petitions they earnestly expect & pray may be graciously answered.

As to what Mr Mason Challengeth with in our Northern Bounds aforesaid Yo^{r} Lords^{ps} may please to understand that those lands also are all of them in the possession of particular persons that did originally purchase the right of the Natives were at the sole charge to subdue plant & build upon them to a very great expence have conveyed them one to another, and so have with their predecessors enjoyed them for the space of 50 yeares without any forbidding them

at the first or any clayme or interrupcon from any one ever since untill now.

Nor can Mr Mason set forth his title to any Lands there upon any other accompt than of a bare Grant of late produced from the Councell of Plymouth, which is altogether uncertaine as to its boundaries, was never pursued, or executed by Livery of Seizin made, Which we humbly suppose cannot be of force to eject the present Inhabitants, & is a very poor foundation to build the Title of Sole Proprietor of the Province of New Hampsheir upon, a name not pretended to be in being till Six yeares after the obteyning of the Charter of the Massachusetts. All which is humbly submitted by

William Stoughton
Pet: Bulkeley

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New Hampshire Papers. Vol. 48, *Page* 407.

[September, 1679.]

Bounds of Nova Scotia

My Lord Sterling his Nova Scocia by King Charles y^e *second* ordered to be delivered unto y^e ffrench anno 1633.

Nova Scocia was bounded as followeth Cape Britton was y^e Easterne bounds and from thence west ward to Santo Croix right against ye Easterne end of ye Grande Manhan and a leigue East ward from Pascattamaquoode

Capt Walter Neale made Governour by ye consell of Plymouth in ye yeare 1631 of all New England y^t was not formerly granted to others ye western bounds began at ye Easterne end of Boston Patent and went Eastward as far as Santo Crouix, all his time ye ffrench never claimed any Land to ye westward of Nova Scocia But in two yeares after ye said Neale left ye Country Mounsier Donee was sent by Monseiur Commander Rasilio liveing at ye Lahave Eastward fro Cape Sable horn 40: leagues wth a Ship to discover ye coast of Nova Scotia and New England. . . . . .

[Addressed] These for his Excellence Edmond Andros Knight governour Generall of all his Royall Highnes teritories in America

[Endorsed] Sep^br 79. Mr Henery Joselin of Eastern bounds

[*Relative to Mason's Patent.*]

New Hampshire Papers. Vol. 48, *Pages* 410–11.

The Title of Robert Mason to the province of New Hampshire in New England with his Case, and the proceedings of the Government of the Massachusetts Bay in New England.

King James by his Letters Pattents under the Great Seale of England bearing date the third day of November in the Eighteenth year of his Raigne did give and grant unto diverse of the principal nobility and gentry of this Kingdome by the name of President and Council for the planting ordering ruling and governing of New England in America their Successors and Assignes for ever All the land in America now called New England, To be held as of the manner of East Greenwich in the County of Kent in ffree and common soccage with many Royalties Privileges and Immunities only paying to his Maj^{ty} his Heyres and Successors the ffifth part of the Oare of Gold and Silver which shall be found upon the said lands In respect of all manner of services duties and demands whatsoever, as by the said letters pattents doth at large appear The said Council of New England by Indenture under the Common Seal dated the ninth day of March the Nineteenth of King James have sould and enfeoffed unto John Mason Esqr his heires and assignes for ever All that part of the Maine land in New England called or known by the name of Cape Ann lying betweene the Rivers of Naumkeck and Merrimack and to the heads of the said Rivers.

The said Council by Indenture under their Common Seal dated the tenth day of August the Twentieth of King James have sould and enfeoffed unto S^{r} fferdinando Gorges and John Mason Esqr their heires and assignes for ever All that part of the Main land in New England lying betweene the Rivers of Merrimack and Sagadahock and to the farthest heads of the said Rivers.

The said Council by indenture under their common seal dated the seaventh November the ffifth of King Charles have sould and enfeoffed unto John Mason Esqr his heires and assignes for ever, All that part of the maine land in New England lying betweene the Rivers of Merrimack and Pascattaway and to the farthest head of the said Rivers being a devision of the lands formerly granted unto S^{r} fferdinando Gorges and John Mason All the aforesaid lands to be held in common soccage under certaine conditions restrictions and limitations as by the several Grants doth appear.

That the said Council of New England having for several weighty reasons resolved to surrender to his late Maj^{ty} King Charles the

grand Charter of their Incorporation, that so his Maj^{ty} might take the Government of that Country into his own hands did some few days before the surrender viz upon the 22th of April 1635 By a Pole deed and an Indenture under their common Seal both bearing date the same day grant and confirme unto the said John Mason his heires and assignes for ever All the above mentioned lands and Islands by the Name of New Hampshire. To be held and enjoyed as fully frely and in as large ample and beneficial manner and forme to all intents and purposes whatsoever as they the said Council by vertue of his Maj^{ts} said letters pattents may might or ought to have hold and enjoy the same yeelding and paying only to his Maj^{ty} his Heires and Successors one ffifth part of the Oare of Gold and Silver which shalbe found upon the said lands as by the said Grants doth at large appeare.

That in the year 1622 the said John Mason did send over several Servants and passengers to be tennants with store of cattle provisions and necessaries unto his lands at Cape Ann and did build sundry houses and set up the trade of ffishery upon that Coast and employed for his Steward there Ambrose Gibbons Gentleman who continued there untill the year 1630 at which time the Massachusetts Colony violently seized upon that part of the Province stretching their bounds three miles to the Northwards of Merrimack River and turned the servants and tennants of the said John Mason out of their possessions, under pretence of a Charter from his late Maj^{ty} King Charles in 1628

That from the years 1623 unto 1635 the said John Mason did settle a considerable Colony at Pascattaway River and transported great store of cattle of all sorts with large quantities of Ammunition and provisions and did build many houses upon the great Island which lyeth at the entrance of the said River upon which he erected a ffort and mounted it with tenn Guns for the Defence of the said Island and River, and also within the said River at a place now called Portsmouth he built diverse good houses whereof one was a very fair and large house of Stone and timber, and by him called Mason Hall encompassed with a ditch and strong Pallisade and ffortified with eight Guns within the said ffort was a large Magazine furnished with Arms and amunition and other necessaries for the defence and protection of the Inhabitants and had improved above one thousand acres of meadow ground.

Also at Newichawanock the said John Mason built a large dwelling house and store house and fenced them with a strong Pallisade and mounted with six Guns and upon the falls of the River he erected ffour Saw mills and sundry houses for his Tennants and Servants

committing the Government thereof unto Captaine Walter Neale, who continued in that employment unto the year 1633 and after him unto Henry Joceling Esqr who managed that estate to the year 1638 during which time John Mason dyes having expended upward of Twenty Thousand pounds bequeathing the said province of New Hampshire unto his Grandsonne Robert Mason the now Proprietor being then but nine months old.

Then followed Captain ffrancis Norton being imployed by Anne Mason the widow and executrix of John Mason who continued there until the year 1651, a person wholy at the Devotion of the Massachusetts Government a favourer of their principles and proceedings, and for his own private ends connived at their encroachments

In the year 1651 Joseph Mason was sent over by the said Anne Mason, who continued in New England until the year 1667 in whose time viz in 1652 the Massachusetts usurped a Dominion over the whole province contrary to all right Justice and Equity at first suggesting to the people all grants to be void that were not confirmed by the powers then in England, and then by their Agitators invited some of the Inhabitants to petition the said Massachusets to be taken under their Government and protection under specious pretences of great advantages that would accrue unto them and last of all by a new discovery of a pattent line they stretched their bounds to the utmost limits of New Hampshire and then erected themselves into a Common Wealth and compelled the Inhabitants to submit to their authority as to their Lawful Lords and disposed of the lands houses and estate of the said Robert Mason at their pleasure.

Whereupon Joseph Mason in behalf of the Proprietor did upon the 6th day of May 1653 petition the General Court then assembled in Boston for redress and restitution of the said lands and offered to make out the right and title of the Proprietor Robert Mason against all person or pretenders whatsoever but hereunto they gave no answer.

Then the said Joseph Mason the 5th of July following did set up a writing on the meeting house doors at Dover Exeter, Strawberry banck, and other places protesting against the proceedings of the Massachusets Government forbidding all persons to feed upon the said lands cut grass, or fell any timber without license or composition first had or obtained from the said Joseph Mason.

In October following the said Joseph Mason in behalf of the Proprietor did bring an Action of Trespass against Richard Leader James Johnson John Goddard, and others for entring upon the lands and houses disposing of the goods and cutting down timber without license and after many delayes and dilatory proceedings a tryal was

had in Boston in Octo 1655 before the General Court, where the lands were adjuged to the Proprietor and a verdict for damages was given against the said Richard Leader and others whereupon the said Joseph Mason did demand of the Court by what right they held the Government of the province the Proprietor having as equall right to the Government as to the land to this the Court gave no reply.

But shortly after comes out this law That whosoever shalbe in possession of any land five years although the grant of the said lands was to another person and the possessor having nothing to shew for the alienation thereof but his possession, the possessor shall have the land confirmed unto him.

And hereby the Proprietor was quite outed of his lands and his inheritance devided among Strangers, and no relief to be expected from those usurpers, and then they fence themselves against all complaints or clamours by the laws.

That whosoever shall revile the person of any Magistrate or shall defame any Court of Justice, or the sentence and proceedings of the same, or the Judges of any such Court in respect of any act or sentence therein passed, shalbe punished with whipping ffine imprisonment, disfranchisement, or banishment as the quality or measure of the offence shall deserve.

And whosoever shall conspire or attempt any invasion, insurrection; or publick rebellion against the Common Wealth or shall endeavour to surprise any Town or ffort or shall treacherously and perfidiously attempt the alteration & subversion of their frame of Policy or Government fundamentall he shall be putt to death.

And thus matters continued in New England untill his Maj^{ts} happy Restauration.

In October 1660 Robert Mason made his complaint to his Maj^{ty} setting forth his Right and Title to the province of New Hampshire with the proceedings and usurpations of the said Corporation of the Massachusetts Bay Whereupon his Maj^{ty} was pleased to referre the examination of his right and title unto Sr Jeffrey Palmer his Ma^{ts} Attorney General who made report therof to his Maj^{ty} the 8th of November following and the examination of the matter ffact and complaints unto Sr William Turner John Eaton, Giles Sweet, John Mills, Robert Mason Docters of Law Sr James Bruce Sr Richard fford Thomas Povey Esq and others who publickly mett severall days in the Admiralty Hall in Docters Common and summoned by process publickly excuted at the Royall Exchange upon the 21th of January the parties interressed where appeared Captaine John Leverett the present Governor of that Corporation who acknowledged that formerly he was commissionated as an Agent for the Massachusetts Bay, But

that now he had no authority to appear or act in their behalf however the said Captaine Leverett was constantly present at all the meetings and heard the examinations of the several Witnesses and upon the 15th day of ffebruary then following the said Referrees made report to his Maty of the unjust proceedings usurpations and designs of the Massachusets Government and that the said Robert Mason hath been damnified in his estate and plantations upward of ffifteen thousand pounds.

That in the year 1664 when his Majty sent his Commissioners to New England his Majty was pleased particularly to recommend to the Commissioners the settlement of that province of New Hampshire, and taking it off from the Government of the Massachusets and the said Robert Mason did give unto Coll Richard Nichols one of the said Commissioners A deputation for his more legal acting therein and in June 1665 the Commissioners were in the province of New Hampshire, and in most of the considerable Towns where they summoned the Inhabitants to appear and have his Majts letters read and accordingly the Inhabitants did readily meet, (although they were commanded by the Council of Boston not to appear, or give any obedience to the Commands of his Majtys Commissioners) and heard his Majts letters read which gave them great satisfaction and did then entreat the Commissioners to take them off from the Government and Jurisdiction of the Massachusets Bay, and the Commissioners did declare unto the people they were out of the Jurisdiction of the Massachusets, and did promise them that they would speedily settle the Government of that province But the Council at Boston did violently oppose the proceedings of the Commrs and would not suffer them to act according to their Commission the present Governor Mr Leverett and others entering the province with a troop of horse and some ffoot compelled the people to a submission to the Massachusetts Government.

However Coll Nichols did impower Major Nicholas Shapleigh as his Deputy to take care of the concerns of that province who accordingly did make claime in the behalf of the said Robert Mason in all the towns within the limits of New Hampshire the Inhabitants most of them were willing to comply although Capt Walderne Mr Cutts and some others did encourage some to the Government of the Massachusets they having possessed themselves of great tracts of improved lands in the most eminent places in the province, and fearing least they should be called to an account for the same got some people to petition the Massachusets to be continued under their Jurisdiction.

Nevertheless the Magistrates of Boston did endeavour by large promises and offers to have brought Joseph Mason the Agent of Robert Mason to comply with them and to grant and own their power

and Jurisdiction in that province proffering him what lands he would desire for his own use But the said Joseph Mason rejected all their offers and temptations.

Then they employed their Secretary Mr Rawson unto the said Joseph Mason desiring him that he would use his endeavours to perswade the Proprietor Robert Mason to a compliance with their Government and afterwards in Septem 1667 Capt Robert Pike came from the Magistrate of Boston to Pascattaway unto the said Joseph Mason who was then returning for England and did sollicitt him to perswade the said Robert Mason to a compliance with the Government of the Massachusetts and did tell him that the Magistrates were willing to restore unto the said Robert Mason the right of his lands to dispose so that he meddle not with the Government of the Province.

But the Government finding they could not bring the said Robert Mason to surrender the Government of his province unto them by a legal resignation or acknowledge them for his superiour Lords they have by all ways and means contrived to keep him out of the possession of his Inheritance.

His Maj^{ty} having upon the long complaints of the said Robert Mason summoned the Magistrates of Boston to appear by their Agents and to show by what authority or pretence of right they have thus acted and being conscious of their usurpations and most unjust proceedings they did in August last sollicit the Inhabitants of New Hampshire that they would joine by multitudes of hands to excite his Maj^{ty} that they may be still continued under their authority suggesting unto the people that if once the Proprietor be reseized of the claimes they must be turned out of their possession, and have imposed fears and used threatnings towards such as shall freely declare or any way be suspected of any engagement in the present proceedings declaring the said Robert Mason to have forfeited his lands.

[Endorsed] Title of Rob. Mason to New Hampshire in New England.

New England Papers. Vol. 42, *Page* 138.

[March, 1679.]

Mr Gorges Selling the Province of Maine to ye Massachusetts & overtures to Mr Mason from y^{t} Colony for New Hampshire.

May it please yor Lordshipp

I think it my duty to acquaint yor Lordship That Mr Gorges either out of a distrust of his Maj^{ts} Justice of doing him right, or else over-

come by the Sollicitations of the Boston Agents or some employed by them, He hath sould the Province of Maine and the Governm^{t} thereof to them. Notwithstanding his often offers to his Maj^{tie} and his Maj^{ty} seeming inclinations to buying that province of him, which would have been of great concerne to his Maj^{tys} affaires in that part of the world.

Overtures have also been lately made to me for my Province I have hitherto declined the thoughts of a Treaty (although for many years oppressed by that Governm^{t} of the Massachusets) in confidence that his Maj^{ty} will doe himself and me right by establishing his owne Royall authority in New England.

Yo^{r} Lord^{ps} most humble Servant

Robert Mason

Read March : 25 att Com^{tee} No farther Consideration had of the province of maine this was rejected

Read againe ye 28 And ordered that his Matie be againe moved in Councell on this matter.

New England Papers. Vol. 42, *Page* 212.

[Abstract. January 4, 1679.]

Abstract of Letters received from Mr Randolph. New England.

That upon the 30th of December last he had del^{d} His Ma^{tys} Commission for Setling the Government of New Hampshire together with the Seale and Order of Councill into the hands of the President.

That Mr Cutts the President is a very just and honest man, cast out of all Publick Employm^{t} by the Government of Boston. That he is an ancient and infirme man.

That the People are afraid that they shall be put under the hands of Strangers.

That the People of Boston murmur at the great expense of their late Agents in England some say of nigh 4000£

That grevous Complaints are made by the Inhabitants of the Province of Main who in the late Indian War found more loss & mischief attending them by the Cowardize & inadvertency of their Church Member Officers than from the cruelty of the Indians themselves. The Boston government have now laid Rates upon the Inhabitants of the Townes of Kittery, Yorke & Wells to above 3000£ which they cannot pay having lost almost all by the late War.

That he found the People all the way he travelled (except the

Colony of New Plymth) very much unsetled contending about lands & Boundaries Every one Supposing He had brought Orders from Court for setling & confirming their particular Colonies.

That the Government of Boston continue still to collect customs & Coine money.

That there is hardly one child baptized in all the Colony of Rhode Island & none lately in the Province of Maine & few in any other of the Colonies.

That nothing at present will be more welcome to the Generality of the People than His Maties letter to the Colonies requiring that none be admitted to the Magistracy or freedom but such who do now take the Oath of Allegiance and that their Children be admitted to Baptisme.

That he has discoursed with some of the Inhabitants of the Province of Maine who would in a little time advance so much money as the Bostoners have given for it provided they might be assured of a Governm^{t} to be settled amongst them as it was by Commission from Mr Gorges distinct from any other place.

That there is an absolute necessity of Erecting a Great Councill chosen out of the chiefest & best of Every Colony with a President to.

Lastly He makes his Request to the Lords for some allowance for his extraordinary Expences which are very great in His Ma^{tys} Service.

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Then follows S^{r} Ed. Andros letters from New York.

New Hampshire Papers. Vol. 48, *Page* 424–5.

[Abstract. 1680.]

To the Right hon^{ble} the Lords Committees of Trade & Plantacons.

The humble peticon of Robert Mason Proprietor of the province of New Hampshire in New England against ye Massachusets. Sheweth That yor pet^{rs} Grandfather by virtue of a Grant from King James in the Eighteenth year of his Reign was the sole and legal proprietor of the province of New hampshire in New England wherin he did expend upward of 22000^{lb}

. . . . . .

That in 1676 there came over (*from the Massachusetts*) Two of those Magistrates commissioned as their Agents wherupon there were Sundry hearings before his Maj^{ty} Councill, The Lords Committees of Trade and plantations, and the Lords Cheif Justices before whom

the said Agents did disclaim all right and title to the Lands claimed by yor pet^{r} and only insisted upon the Governm^{t} of a part therof.

That accordingly his Maj^{ty} by his Royall Commissions in September last did establish his authority in a great part of that province and constitute a President & Councill for Governing therof by which means yor pet^{r} has possession awarded him of that part of the province that lyes between the Rivers of Pascataway and Merrimack ffor the other part of the said province of New hampshire which they still usurp. A Report for setling yor pet^{rs} right therunto was prepared by yor Lordships order But by reason of the Earnest Sollicitations of the said Agents (who had been here neer Three years) to return home to take care of their owne domestick affaires yor pet^{r} did not then press the reading of the said Report upon their desires and Engagement, that other Agents should come over in Six Months according to his Maj^{ts} Letters of June 1679 upon dismission of the said Agents within Six months to receive his Royall pleasure That the time of their appearance being long since elapsed without any appointment of other Agents to be sent hither, that Governm^{t} building their hopes that some disturbance here at home or warrs abroad will divert his Maj^{ty} from looking toward them being the occasion of this their high contempt of his Maj^{ts} Commands according to the long continued Maxim of that people.

Yo^{r} pet^{r} therefore most humbly prays That in regard he is with the first conveniene going to New England to settle his affairs and the said Governm^{t} having plainly disobeyed his Maj^{ts} Commands to send over such Agents That yor Lordships willbe pleased to offer the said Report to his Maj^{ty} for his Royall determination therin, And that yor pet^{r} may not any longer be kept out of his inheritance (which his Ancestors have purchased at soe dear a rate) by the injustice, violence, and Delayes of his Adversaries cheifly occasioned by his adhering to the Crown, and refusall to Submit to their Governm^{t} And yor pet^{r} shall ever pray Robert Mason

[Endorsed] Petition of Mr Mason Against the Massachusetts Rec^{d} the 6th of Aug 1680.

[*Council to Lords of Trade and Plantations*, 1681.]

New Hampshire Papers. Vol. 48, *Page* 448–9.

[May 7, 1681.]

From the Councill of New Hampshire to the Comm^{tee}

May it please yor Lo^{ps} At the same time that We received His

Ma^{ts} Royal Letter to us dated the first of October 1680, by the hands of Robert Mason Esqr which was about ye latter end of Decemb^{r} following; We had the Hon^{r} to receiv another from yor Lordships by the hands of the Secretary Mr Chamberlain Wherin is repuired of us to transmit to yor Lo^{ps} a Quarterly Account of all the public transactions & important affairs of His Ma^{ts} Province which are specified more particularly in yor said Letter But here We most humbly beg His Ma^{ts} Gracious pardon & yor Lo^{ps} favorable thoughts in that particular, since We cannot have so frequent opportunities in this place as We desire (especially in the winter season) of sending into England This conveyance by Captn Peck being ye first from this Province since the arrival of His Ma^{ts} Commands signified by yor Lo^{ps} And like wise the first since His Ma^{ts} Royal Commiss^{n} to us And as often as we shal have them, We shal not fail (with God's permission) to make use of such opportunities, to send within ye times prefixed. ffor ye present we shal endeavour to do Our Duty to His Ma^{ty} in presenting Yo^{r} Lo^{ps} with those Accounts & informations required of us in yor Letter to Us, in ye Same Order & method, as to their several heads, in which they are set down therein.

And first, as a Civil matters, We humbly referr Yo^{r} Lo^{ps} to ye view of our Laws, & of Our Acts & Orders, which We from time to time have made & pass'd (& now sent) since y arrival & in pursuance of His Ma^{ts} Gracious & Royal Commission: There being litle of note, & worthy to be communicated to yor Lo^{ps} relating to that General head, but what is to be found among those Laws, Acts, Orders & entries All which We find very satisfactory to ye People & conducing much to their Peace & quiet.

As for Ecclesastics, those affairs remain as formerly Each Town of ye Province is supply'd with an Orthodox Minister, to ye satisfaccon of His Ma^{ts} Subjects.

Concerning our Military discipline We must like wise referr much of that to ye Councel's Acts for appointing Officers, & exercising y^{r} Souldiers. There is at ye Great Island in Portsmouth at ye Little harbour mouth a ffort wel enough situated, but for ye present too weak & insufficient for the Defence of ye place, The Guns (being eleven in number) are small none exceeding a Sacre, nor above 2100 waight; and ye People too poor, to make defence suitable to ye occasion that may happen for ye ffort. These Guns were brought, & the ffortification erected at the proper charges of the Towns of Dover & Portsmouth, at the beginning of ye first Dutch war, about the Year 1665, in obedience to His Ma^{ts} Commands, in His Lett^{r} to ye Government, under which this Province then was. There are five Guns more lying at the upper part of Portsm purchased by private persons

for their security and defence against the Indians in the late war with them; and wherof the owners may dispose at their pleasure, To supply ye foresaid defect & weakness of the Guns & ffort We humbly supplicate His Ma^ty to send us such Guns as shal be more serviceable, with powder & shot agreeable The income of the powder & customs for ye maintenance of ye said fort is inserted after ye Acts & Orders. The Trade of this Province exported by ye inhabitants of its own produce, is in masts, planks & boards, staves, & all other lumber. Which at present is of litle value in other plantacons, to which they are transported; So that we see no other way for ye advantage of the Trade, unless His Ma^ty please to make Our River of Pascataqua a free Port. Importacon by strangers, of litle value; Ships comonly selling ye Cargos in other Governments. And if they come here usually come empty, to fil with lumber: but if hapily they are at any time loaden with any fish; it is brought from other parts, there being none made in our Province:

In reference to improvement of the Land by Tillage, Our soil is generally so barren, & ye winters so extreme cold & long, that there is not provision enough raised, to supply ye inhabitants. Many wherof were in ye late Indian War so impoverished, their houses & estates being destroyed, & they (& others) remaining stil so incapacitated for ye improvement of ye land (several of ye youth being killed also) that they even grone under ye tax or Rate assess'd for that service, which is yet (great part of it) unpaid to this day.

Thus we have given Yo^r Lo^ps a full & we hope a satisfactory Account of all the important matters of this Province, according to the best of our endeavours & understandings And if we have err'd or come short in any thing properly to be required of us, We humbly beg yor Lo^ps pardon, & further Commands by way of advice wherin We may amend & present yor Lo^ps with a better informacon for the future. ffor We are May it please Yo^r Lo^ps

Your most Obedient Servants

Richard Waldern president	John Gillman
Elias Stileman dep^t p^rsid^t	Christoper Hussey
Richard Martyn	Samuel Dalton
Wm Vaughan	Job Clements
Tho Daniel	R. Chamberlain, Secr.

Dated at Portsm. May 7th 1681

[Addressed] To the Right Honble Lords of His Ma^ts Most Honble Privy Councel The Committee for Trade and Plantacons at White hall — Present

Rec^d ye 20th Sept 1681

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[May 14, 1681.]

From Mr Chamberlain to Mr Blathwayt

Sir, The last time I had ye Honr to wait on you, to receiv your Instructions you were pleased to lay yor commands upon me to two things chiefly; To do my Duty according to the tenour of my Place & Commission, in relacon to the public; without taking open notice of my friend Mr Mason's private concerns; and also to write to you wheresoever I should be. The latter has bin done hitherto, from ye Isle of Wight & Boston: I hope you have rec'd my Letters. The other remains to give an Account of which I hope wil not be disagreeable, since (I am sure) I have endeavoured with ye best of my Judgment faithfully to execute yor orders, And therefore when ye Councel four several times at ye time of ye General Assembly proposed, press'd & threaten'd if I refused ye Oath of Secrecy (which I have related in my Narrative to ye Lords,) I told them it was my purpose to demean myself with a Deference to His Mats Councel here, as became me: but so as by the Law of England that ancient & honble service of Homage was wont to be performed, that is, saving ye faith & allegiance I ow'd to Our Soveraign Lord ye King, & my Superiour Lords, And, to conclude this passage of ye Oath, I moved, as a middle expedient I might have it respited til I should hear out of England & if ye Lords of ye Councel commanded me to it, I should be ready to swear: but after that, being set upon by ye whole Posse Comitatus of Councel Ordinary, & Extraordinary their Arch-Bishop (& Chief Justice too) Mr. Moody, that is sui & utriusq. Juris & ye other Ministers of the Province of State I should have said & several from Boston being present, I said it was to me a wonder to hear of this matter, which themselves objected to me (upon occasion of my taking notes) that it was respited; & therefore I positively declared, I neither could, nor would derogate from His Mats Commission, let them do as they pleased with me. I said even now that Mr Moody was of ye Councel virtually & so I beleev Mr Mason wil inform you of his Superintendency in all affairs public & private: but I confess I told him, he was none of ye Councel. It was upon his inculcation of my Secrecy-Oath, & construction of ye words of my Commission, hinting to me that thereby I was directed to be serviceable to be Councel; to which I reply'd, he might please to take notice of ye copulative [assistant & serviceable] But how ever it was, he then so much resented it, that I fear I have done my business for a Church member.

The Laws were made (as far as ye Councel have power to be legislative) and published just as we came (all but that for Courts, & ye Rate now lately done) When they were read at ye assembly, in order to correction & amendment I made my remarks (such as they were) and first took exceptions to ye whole System in general being collected mostly out of the Massachusets Laws (& surely it could not wel stand with ye mind & pleasure of His Maty that we here should cast off obedience to their Jurisdictions, & yet voluntarily submit to, & yoak our selves so inseperably to their laws,) & then because unnecessary, the King having sent a great Volume of Laws copiously & accurately done to their hands. I did likewise make my objections sereatim to some different & repugnant ones ; as to y^{t} of punishing Manslaughter with death ; disallowing mariage by Divines & giving ye power to ye Councel (but that was amended as to ye former part,) to that arbitrary Sentence in case of ffornication of fine, marriage, corporal punishment, or all, or any of them : & that was likewise qualified with Deletion of ye words (*or all*) To ye making Larceny, Robery & Burglary not ffelony, nor punishable by Death, but after a third time, at ye discretion of the Court The Law for false witness is defferent, & others y^{t} of confirmacon I conceiv ipso facto repugnant. But my Excepcons were over-ruled unless in ye above menconed amendments & some verbal & literal errata.

There was a Protestacon desired to be entered by Mr Mason as to ye said Law of confirmacon of Town grants, & I desired to speak to it, and give my Opinion, as it is part of the Commission, I grounded upon some Rules of Law, that they had disabled themselves from being mediators thereby & compared to some known cases in ye Law of England &c. How some of the People, by ye unlucky example of the chief here, have thro' fear prehaps, as wel as insincerity opposed, is a matter y^{t} I for my own particular have reason enough to deplore, besides that of friendsh^{p} but ye circumstances Mr Mason wil inform you. Tis Time & a litle more of his industrious sprit y^{t} wil I hope in God, perfect this affair wel begun, to our contents I shal never be wanting (observing yor instructions of moderation &c) to assert his right as I have hitherto done, when any fair opportunity has presented it self, & that to ye best of my wil & understanding & I have ever defended or excused, whenever he has been unjustly opposed, or charged.

One observation (amongst many) I am desirous not to prœtermit, which is this. The word (*cases*) since they stand upon every word in ye latter part of ye Commission concerning ye agreement, that seems advantageous, I thought, was material, as showing ye entendment of ye Commission, that taking Mr Mason's right for granted, & as a thing

paramount where some special subsequent matter (be it what it wil) as disagreement about ye value of ye land, rent or some other unforeseen matter, made ye Cases doubtful; there such cases should be stated & transmitted; but it was never intended to give a general power to disagree, for that would be but one Case, & not Cases. And ye Councel must needs be intended by His Ma^ty to be wel satisfied of the clear right which himself declared in Councel, when he made them Reconcilers, els it would have bin against Law & a wrong (which ye King cannot do,) to make ye Parties (the Councel being tenants too) Judges of ye Case; for it is not reasonable, to think they would give Judgment against themselvs: which was ye reason Mr Mason declined their hearing his Case who thus unaccountably stood out. Certainly ye Maxime of Law is good: That things of this nature should be taken by entendment, equity, & that all ye parts may be expounded one by another, Ut res magis valeat quam pereat.

But, Sir, I fear I have transgress'd in this length out of a through desire to do my duty, & trespass'd upon yor more worthy imployment of yor time I beg yor pardon, & (if you please) yor assistance, for some better setlement in this hard & not very wel natured place; and that I may stil be continued (paralel to the true respect I have for yor worth) in ye hon^r to be, Sir

Yo^r most obliged & faithful Servt

Rich: Chamberlain

Portsm^o May 14th 1681

[Addressed] These To William Blathwait, Esqr Present Whitehal

[Endorsed] Rec^d ye 24 July 1681 Read 10 Novr 1681

[*Secretary Chamberlain to Lords of Trade and Plantations.*]

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[May 16, 1681.]

Lre from Mr Chamberlain

May it please yor Lordships.

In obedience to yor Lo^ps Commands by yor Letter of ye ffirst of October last requiring me to give yor Lo^ps an account of all matters transacted in the Office of Secretary (& Clark of ye Councel) of this

Province of New-Hampshire I humbly present to yor Lo^{ps} this following narrative.

Upon the Twenty-fourth of December I arrived at Portsmouth at the House of John Cutt Esqr then President, since lately deceased, unto whom I delivered yor Lo^{ps} Letter of Septemb^{r} 30th 1680: and show'd him His Ma^{ts} Commission, whereby I was appointed Secretary for ye Province and Clark of the Councel.

Upon the 28th of Decemb^{r} the Councel met, where ye said Commission and yor Lo^{ps} Letter were publicly read; It was debated about three days, whether they should admit me, or not, but at length upon ye 30th of the said Month I was admitted According to ye Duty of my Place & Office, I did desire the Books papers & records of ye Councels proceedings to be delivered to me, which were in the hands of Mr Stileman One of ye Councel, ffor ye Councel book, it was denied me, upon p^{r}tence that there was not any, then desiring one to be made, I was told ye Country was poor, &c but afterwards at their Meeting in March I had a Wast-book of ye Councel's Acts & Orders deliver'd me to transcribe & keep ye fairer book then brought, being to remain in ye hands still of Mr Stileman ffor the records & papers recorded (as on file) he retains them too, as an Officer called Recorder, & is besides Clerk of ye Writs, besides Captn of the ffort, as appears in ye general Account to yor Lo^{ps} ffor to make my Commission insignificant, they have appointed three among themselves to be parcel-Secretaries or Registrars of ye Province, viz.; ye foresaid Stileman (for ye matters aforesaid) for Portsmouth & Dover; Samuel Dalton for Hampton & Exeter; and Richard Martin to take account of all ships & other vessels coming in & going out. I have informed ye Councel here what I take to be ye Law in this case, that persons that are Judges in any Court of Judicature cannot regularly be ministers also at ye same Court & it is derogatory to His Ma^{ty} establishment, to have the Deputy President of the Province & a Law maker, so mean an Officer as to be a maker of writs & attachments. The fees I do receiv, are so inconsiderable they are not worth ye naming, and for my Salary & perquisits I should receiv (that I may live,) as it is directed in my Commission to be settled according to ye measure of other (His Ma^{ts}) Plantacons, they do not think fit to do it, so that I have hitherto but the bare name of an office, ye profits being shared amongst ye foresaid persons. I do therefor humbly beg Yo^{r} Lo^{ps} favour in my behalf; that His Maj^{ty} will be graceously pleased to establish ye Salary, with Commands to the Councel to pay it, & that I may enjoy ye Place of more than a nominal Secretary, & Register (or Clerk of ye Councel) & ye issuing forth writs with ye other due perquisits as appurtenant & part of ye Place.

Upon the Second of March the Councel & Deputies met, being called the General Assembly to hear Appeals having formerly declared themselves to be a Court of Appeals (but they have no such power by His Ma^{ts} Commission, which appoints Appeals to His Ma^{ty} before yor Lo^{ps}) and to review y^{ie} Laws they had made, at their former Meetings an Abstract whereof are by this Ship sent to Yo^{r} Lo^{ps} for His Ma^{ts} allowance I gave my Opinion as they were read, which of them were different, which repugnant to ye Laws of England & ye Commission as I conceived that for confirmation of titles & Town-grants to be which are declared by His Ma^{ts} Commission & Letters to be illegal, as Yo^{r} Lo^{ps} have at the Hearings before you concerning Mr Mason's interest given yor Judgments.

I desire to acquaint Yo^{r} Lo^{ps} that the Councel several times would have imposed an Oath of Secrecy upon me, & that I should not enter any matter or debate or give account of any passages but what they should Order, which I have refused, as being inconsistent with my Commission (by virtue whereof I hold myself to be in & so admitted, & from which I was very unwilling to derogate) Yo^{r} Lo^{ps} Commands, & ye Nature & Duty of my Place It was hinted, that if I would not take the Oath, I should not be Secretary here. Afterwards it was moved, that when they had any private business, I should withdraw I told them, they might use their pleasure; but I was not willing to suspend myself. It was reply'd, They knew what they had to do: whereupon it is conjectured, they debate matters before they came to ye usual place of Session.

The Deputies for ye several Towns are Eleven, named (it is thought) by the Councel & that they will not admit any person to give vote in election of Deputies but whom they please I was at the Election at Dover in ffebr. last; where Mr Mason took ye opportunity of making himself known to the inhabitants, & discovering his interest as Proprietor, & making offers of confirmation & grant according to His Ma^{ts} Proposition; where with many were wel satisfied. At that time several Demanded their liberty to vote, which was deny'd by Maj^{r} Waldron, now President. It was then said, there were not thirty persons allowed of & Mr Mason withdrawing, was followed by a many complaining, that about a hundred & fifty persons were excluded from voting; tho' all of them (it was said) pay great Taxes.

The Councel have writ a Letter to give Yo^{r} Lo^{ps} an account of the state of the Province; and yor Lo^{ps} may please to receiv that of Mr Mason, now going for England, who perhaps will give it more fully & particularly as to the place and persons, having been in most parts thereof.

And here I crave leave to give Yo^{r} Lo^{ps} informacon of a matter of

perhaps the greatest moment in this Province; that is what has pass'd in reference to ye said Mr Mason the lawful Proprietor therof, so declared by His Ma^ty^ and his Learned Councel; and one of the Councel, and whom His Ma^ty^ hath been pleased to take care for, & settle his affaires & interest in ye same Royal Commission whereby He hath established His Government here His Ma^ty^ was pleased at Mr Mason's coming into this Province to appoint him by His Royal Letter to be of ye Councel thereon, and did declare his legal right to ye said Province according to his Royall Commission of ye 18th Septemb^r^ 1679; Requiring the Councel to publish the same. The President John Cutt being ill, the Councel defer'd ye publicacon til ffebr: but so soon as it was published, wherein His Ma^ty^ had declared the Agreement made on their behalf with Mr Mason as to their improved lands, and about ye same time Mr Mason fixing up his Declaration for satisfaction of the People on his part; the People came in from all parts and welcomed him into the Country, desiring a confirmation of their estates in their lands, & to take Grants for ye same with addition of more land, some of them having lived in these parts above Twenty years & yet could never obtain ye least parcel of land for their convenience of trade & living (as many of them in my hearing complained) So that in a short time near half the Province had bin with him, and entred their names with me as Secretary of the Province, most of them complaining of the heavy burthens & oppressions they lay under But there hath not bin that good understanding between Mr Mason and the Councel, as I suppose, His Ma^ty^ might reasonably expect, he having (it seems) refused some Proposals made by them at his first coming about their undertaking to raise a yearly rent payable to him upon each Town of the Province, and to be managed by them He declaring, that he would treat with every one apart, and let them lands as he should see cause, and if any of his Tenants afterward had just occasion of complaint, he could & would ease them at his pleasure, and would not trust that power to others: the People generally desiring also to hold their estates immediately of him. Whereupon they have endeavoured to give him what trouble they can, by diswading the People from agreeing altho I must confess some of the Councel likewise have to my knowledge several times affirmed, they did not desire to hinder any persons from complying & taking conveiances from Mr Mason Yet they wil not endure he should be owned as Proprietor, tho I take it to be clear His Ma^ty^ doth; and at ye General Assembly on ye 3^d^ of March last, when Mr Mason was p^r^sent, & all his Grants (as wel as His Ma^ts^ Commiss^n^ & Lett^r^) read in p^r^sence of the Deputies & discoursed, to give them all ye satisfaccon imaginable, they were so far from receiv-

ing any, that opposing his, & (tho required showing no Title of their own), they encouraged the Deputies to ye same opposition, & to prepare & present something by way of Remonstrance from the respective Towns, of which they were ye Representatives.

When the Councel seem'd to doubt of Mr Mason's being the true person, & ye deeds true copies, I was concerned to testify, & own my own hand to ye examinacon, yet they doubted stil, because they would stil doubt.

May it please Yo^r^ Lo^ps^ in due love to truth & justice I cannot omit, that several scandalous reports & libels were dispersed; that Mr Mason had a Design to enslave the People, & to make them pay 2^s^ for every chimney, & 10^s^ a year for every room they kept fire in; they should neither fish nor fowl; & many things besides, for ye future, not to be known or foreseen, to ye prejudice & ruine of the People, Things which I must beg leav to say, I know to be utterly untrue, & by conversing with him, know he designs as much ye contrary, ye general good & indulgence of ye people, as in him can possibly lye. And I must affirm that he has used that fair Deportment, that his enemies as wel as ye rest of the People wil say, he deserves highly to be respected, & no person that came to treat with him ever went away dissatisfied. And had ye Councel bin such as His Ma^ty^ might reasonably expect, there had not bin any difference between him & the inhabitants, who (as I have bin informed) do say, that if the Councel wil order them to agree with him they are ready to do it. The litleness of ye objections ye dissenters make to so clear a Title, & Grants so fully proved (as yor Lo^ps^ very wel know) & ye inconstancy of their argumentacon in flying to & shifting the several pretended Titles (but showing none) as for ye purpose, sometimes claiming from ye Indians; then by a p^r^tended conquest (which was their defending themselves) against ye Indians, & ye like gives me occasion to think it nothing but interest, that makes them stand out, and because they have given to one another great Tracts of land of Mr Mason's and have sold land to many persons without legal title, and do apprehend ye purchasers, upon eviction or new agreement, wil come upon them for ye purchase money. At present they have made a Law to confirm all Town grants, upon which I did (as my Duty obliges me) give my Opinion for ye repealing thereof (at ye time of amendment of several particular matters in their new Laws at ye Gen Assembly as being repugnant to their Comiss^n^ by vertue whereof they make Laws, which excludes all but Mr Masons Right: but tho they have thought fit to repeal some; as (for instance) that no Law &c shal be imposed but such ashal be made by the Gen Assembly & approved by ye Councel; and another for punishing with Death

Rebellious children, y^{t} wil not obey ye voice of their father, or ye voice of y^{r} mother) Yet this confirmacon-Law stands, & is sent to receiv its Sentence more honorably.

The President named by His Ma^{ty} dyed ye latter end of March & was an honest loyal Gentleman & stood for ye Proprietors right, own'd him & purposed to take his Grants from him, He that now succeeds, is Richard Waldron Esqr concerning whom yor Lo^{ps} wil receiv a more perfect character from Mr Mason who has taken several Depositions relating to him. There was a debate for ye supplying ye member of ye Councel since ye death of one (viz: ye late President) but there is no entry ordered of w^{t} persons names shal be sent.

I must inform Yo^{r} Lo^{ps} that Mr Mason has forborn to sit, or act in public matters of ye Councel, he being unsatisfied in ye legality of their proceedings; ye reasons himself wil offer to yor Lo^{ps} The People do complain of great Taxes, & that it doth not appear how expended. I am,

May it please Yo^{r} Lo^{ps}

Yo^{r} Lo^{ps} most humble & most obedient Servant

New-Hampshire May 16th 1681. Richard Chamberlain.

[*Council of New Hampshire to the King*, 1681.]

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[May 31, 1681.]

From the Councill of N: Hamp^{hs} To the Kings most Excellent Majesty
[Seal]

May it please yor Maj^{ty}

Wee have received by the hands of Mr Mason yor Royall letters & comands wherein we are required from time to time to render an account of all occurrences & transacons among us wch we are now applying our Selves wth all humility & fidelity to doe

Upon the arivall of Mr Mason wth a Speciall order for admiting himselfe into the capacity of a Member & Mr Chamberlain of a Secretary to the Councell we Imediatly yielded our obedience thereunto Since wch time our President John Cutt Esqr is deceased & Richard Waldern Esqr late Deputy Presid^{t} is now Presd^{t} & Elias Stileman Esqr is by him chosen Deputy according to direction in our Comis-

sion: Wee have also framed severall lawes & constitutions (A coppie whereof we herewth all send) wth out any repugnancy to, & in as great an Identity to & consonancy wth yor Maj^{tys} lawes as our Abillities would reach, & as we thought most Sutable to our Circumstances, in obedience to wch yor Maj^{ts} Subjects have heither to peaceably & to their good Satisfaction demeaned themselves, not doubting but if yor Maj^{ty} wth the advice of y^{r} most Honble Privy Councell see meet to confirme them they will through Gods blessing attaine the ends proposed in yor Maj^{tys} Comission of keeping the people in a right understanding of & Submission to yor Maj^{tys} Royall Authority, the suppressing of vice & encouraging of vertue.

The great matter of difficulty now among us is referring to Mr Masons pretensions to the propriety of the lands we possesse, some countenance to his clayme whereunto he hath gotten in yor Maj^{tys} Comission under the broad Seal, which we cannot but thinke has been by inderect meanes & untrue informations (in wch he abounds) obtained. Wee are informed y^{t} he has no Authentique Originall or Duplicate of any grant for the soyle, nor hath he in any measure attended the scope of such Grant (if any such had been made to him) viz. the peopling of the place & enlarging yor Maj^{tys} Dominions, both wch have been vigorously attended by the present Inhabitants. The vast expence of estate is mostly if not merely A pretence. An house was hired in this province but the disbursements laid out were chiefly in the Neighboring Province of Meyn on the other side of the River, and for carrying on an Indian Trade in Laconia, in all wch his Grandfather was but a partner, however he would appear amongst us as sole proprietor, That we have no other right but w^{t} is derived from the Massachusets by vertue of their Imaginary line he asserts, but it is another of his groundless Imaginations, for we were possest of the soyle long before the Massachusets medled wth us, Indeed we at length desired them to Govern us, when Experience had taught us y^{t} by our Combinations whereinto we entred (the Originals of wch Signed by the Inhabitants are yet Extant) to prevent the confusion of Anarchy we could not govern ourselves, And being under their Goverm^{t} we used such methods for the alloting of lands to perticular persons as they did, but never thought of deriving from them any Propriety to those lands wch under yor Maj^{ty} & Royall Predecessors we accounted our own before; besides y^{t} our Articleing wth them they tooke us under their Goverm^{t} will abundantly evidence upon what terms we stood in point of our lands.

Instead of a ffinal Expulsion by the Massachusets wch he alleadges, we can plentifully prove y^{t} the undertaking was Slighted & place wholly deserted both by Capt John Mason & any Agents for him

many yeares before ever the Masachusets were concerned therein or had extended their line so farr: Nor hath the carriage of Mr Mason since he came among us been at all dissonant from the false informations given against us, but such as weé are abundantly sattisfied yor Maj^{tys} wisdome will Judge very unbecoming his place & pretensions viz his amusing the poor people by threatenings, Insinuating into them by fair promises & ungrounded Intimations, much reflecting on the Councill, Imperiously requiring & comanding them as Proprietor (for so he stiles himselfe) to attend his pleasure, speaking & carrying slightly & contempteously of & to them, the ready way to teach the people A low esteem of yor Maj^{tys} Authority by & according to wch the Councill acts. His getting Severall names (& more names then hands for Sundry whose names are in his book doe utterly disclaym any assent of theirs thereunto) Some of wch are under age, others are servants & Apprentices, by wch he thinks to make A great Shew else where as he hath made A great confusion here, whereas in reality al the names he hath obtained (except some few y^{t} have been frighted or deluded into they know not w^{t} divers of wch also upon better consideration have recanted) are such as if the quallity of the persons were known to yor Maj^{ty} & Honble Privie Councell, they would be very little credit either to his cause or to him y^{t} hath by such indirect means procured them, unto whom he hath likewise granted and laid out Sundry improved lands & pastures where our timber & firewood growes wthout wch there is no possibility for our subsistance, utterly refusing to admit of any Applycation to the Councell whome yor Maj^{ty} hath Comissionated to interpose. Other persons also y^{t} are Strangers to us hath he allured to give in their names, promising to dispose of our lands to them, to the great prejudice of them y^{t} are & long have been setled on the place. And further tels us and the people y^{t} if we comply not wth him he will Imediatly returne for England & reassume his Goverm^{t} of the place long Agone granted (as he saith) to his Ancestors (though of late modestly by himselfe delivered up to yor Maj^{ty}) & then chuse his own Council & proceed as he thinks meet, (however we cannot forget y^{t} yor Maj^{ty} tels us in our Comission that there was never any Goverm^{t} granted over this place til now) and he so carries it as if he had yor Maj^{ty} & Councill wholly at his Devotion & could doe with them w^{t} he pleaseth.

Hereupon the Inhabitants of the four towns feeling & foreseeing the evil come & comeing upon them thought it their duty not to be wanting to themselves in ye use of all lawfull meanes Especially such as yor Royall Comission hath directed them to, and hence have pettioned the Councell to interpose between Mr Mason & them, & humbly to address to yor Maj^{ty} for relief. In their petitions they

Sadly Complaine of the disturbance they meet with from Mr Mason, the dangerous consequences whereof they dread (insomuch y^{t} we accounted our selves obliged to omit A declaration for the present keeping of the peace among the people lest further mischiefe should follow. A coppie of wch we have sent wth other our acts & order; the vast expence of time and great trouble they have been put to the impossibility of living if Mr Mason obtain but y^{t} they must be constrained after they have worn out themselves wth hard labour to get a poor living and spent their estates upon A wildernes (and a wildernes it had been to this day for anything Mr Mason would have done towards its manuring for non would ever have sate down on it but in hopes of being freeholders) to remove where they may find A place (if at last they may find a place) where under yor Maj^{ty} protecon they may live, having no hopes of being able so much as to live under such Impositions as are inevitably under such a Proprietor. And these Subscribrs are the Generallity of the whole Province y^{t} are house holders, & men of any principles, port, or estate; besides that divers among them of whom Mr Mason (having wthout their consent (as they say) set down their names) boasts as his clyents, have voluntarily subscribed the petition to ye Councell therein profesing y^{t} they se no way to prevent the utter ruin of themselves and prosperity if they comply wth Mason And such is the affecting cry of yor Maj^{ts} poor distressed Subjects on this account as is enough to make both the eares of him that have it to tingle & they further tell us that all their hope under God is in the goodnes, mercy & equity of yor Maj^{ty} whom they therefore desire us humbly to supplycate that they may have liberty to speak for themselves not doubting but that they shall be found both Loyall Subjects, & under yor Maj^{ty} & by the authority of yor Royall predecessors true & lawfull Propriet^{rs} of what they Possesse And seing that (as they & wee understand) yor Maj^{ty} did not absolutely comand them to own Mr Mason as Proprietor but directed unto this way for releif that we shall not be accounted offenders for our slownes to become Tenants to any Subject A thing wch bears So il among us in A vast wildernes wheither our ffathers transported themselves & us in hopes of better things & where was room enough for Accommodation otherwise And whereas we are . . . med by yor Maj^{ty} to interpose between Mr Mason & the people & state the case wth our Opinion thereupon, we are humbly of Opinion that Mr Mason hath rendered that Comand Impracticable; for till A case be Agitated & debated by the persons concerned, it cannot be stated, nor opinion given of it, wch Mr Mason utterly declines though we have often offered it, & y^{t} in obedience to our Comission, but could from time get no other answer from him save this, that he had nothing

to doe to be concerned wth Councill Town, or Society of men, but wth each man in particular.

Wee are Jealous lest by our prolixity we may seem tedious, & are sensible how unable wee are to word things so as may be worthy of Yo^{r} Royall view, and therefore humbly crave pardon for any rudene or unmeetnes of Expression, wherein we have not wittingly failed nor are we Ignorant that complaints & accusations have been & may be carried to yor Maj^{ty} against us, wch hath been the lot of some of the best of men, as we find in holy writt, but it quiets us y^{t} we know our desire is to keep A conscience void of offence towards God and man, and that we have to doe wth A just & Gracious Prince y^{t} will condemn no man before he heares him, And by that time we have had the Liberty of A fair plea, fear not to vindicate our names & reputations from those unjust aspersions of disloyalty to yor Maj^{ty} or unrighteousness to others that may be cast upon us, And doe professe it to bee our Duty (and it is our practise) to give God & Cesar his due, to obay your Maj^{ty} and to pray for all that are in Authority over us, and principly for yor Maj^{ty} for the lengthening out of yor life & prosperity & that we may under the Shadow of yor Royall Protection live quiet & peaceable lives in all godlines & honesty. Subscribeing ourselves

Yo^{r} Royall Maj^{tys} most Loyall Subjects

Richard Waldern president	John Gillman
Elias Stileman dep^{t} p^{r}sd^{t}	Christopher Hussey
Richard Martyn	Samuell Dalton
Wm Vaughan	Job Clements.
Tho Daniel	

Portsm^{o} in the Province of New Hampshire May 31th 1681

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A Narrative of the proceedings of the Councill of the Province of New Hampshire in New England, Upon rec^{t} of His Ma^{ts} Comission

The Commission under the Great Seal for establishing his Ma^{ts} authority in the said province being by Mr Randolph delivered unto

John Cutt esq^{r} appointed President of the Councill upon the 27th of Decem^{r} 1679, The President forthwith Summoned the Severall persons named in the Commission to be of the Councill to hear it read which being done he required them by virtue of the said Commission to accept thereof and to administer him, the oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and the oath of a Counsellor that soe they might enter upon the administration of the affaires of the province But Richard Waldern and Richard Martin two of those named of the Councill said they would take time to consider thereof and perswaded the rest to doe the like.

The said Waldern and Joshua Moody the Minister of Portsmouth went to Boston, to consult some persons in that Government, how they should proceed in reference to his Maj^{ts} Commission and after some days being returned to portsmouth they Two togeather with Richard Martin did goe to the President and told him they were resolved not to owne the Commission and did earnestly importune the President to reject it. Waldern saying he would be hanged at his door before he would act by authority of that Commission. The President told them that he would give obedience to his Maj^{ts} Commands and advised them to doe the like the said Waldern Martin and Moody did by their Sollicitations prevail with those other persons named of the Councell not to accept thereof Supposing by that means to compell the President to quitt the Commission believing he would take upon him to act singly Soe that the Twenty days time limited by his Maj^{ty} for publishing the Royall Commission and their accepting of the Government were expired

Hereupon the President having advised with severall of the Principall and loyall persons of the province, did by a publick Declaration give notice to all the inhabitants that he did accept of his Maj^{ts} Commission and required them to repair unto the Towne of Portsmouth upon a Day prefixed to hear the Commission read and to consult with him for carrying on the Government untill his Maj^{ts} pleasure were known and commanded all persons in his Maj^{ts} name to forbeare giving any disturbance to the peace of the province as they would answer the contrary at their perill, the which Declaration was received with a generall joy and Satisfaction of the people.

Upon the proceedings of the president Waldern Martin and others sent to the Severall Ministers of the Province to advise with them what was to be done, Who meeting at Portsmouth in the house of Martin ffour days were Spent in consultation, at last it was resolved, That they would accept of the commission and assume the Government, least the President should putt others in their places it being better for them to govern who had formerly been in Commission

under the Massachusets Governmen^{t} then for others of different principles to command them, And these reasons were sent unto Some of the Magistrates of Boston to Shew the necessity of their owning his Maj^{ts} authority and obeying his commands.

Then Waldern Martin and the rest went unto the President and declared unto him that they did accept of the Commission But withall, told him That since his Ma^{ty} had allowed liberty of conscience to his protestant Subjects, and they being unsatisfied with the manner of taking the oaths in England, as repeating the words in the oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and Swearing upon the holy Bible to be needless ceremonies they thought it convenient to dispense therewith, and having heard the aforesaid oaths read unto them and holding up their hands declared them to be well taken.

The day after being the 21th January they make choise of Three more to be of the Councell Two whereof were in Commission while the Massachusets usurped the Government of the province, and Waldern gott himself to be elected Deputy President and continued Commander in cheif of the Militia a place he held formerly under the Massachusets.

The major part of the Councill being ill pleased with the former proceedings of that loyall Gent John Cutt esq^{r} President Since deceased whom they found too much addicted to his Maj^{ts} Service take an advantage of his illness and absence to make an order to limitt the President to a Single Vote and have ever Since acted without him.

Then the Councill issue out Summons for chosing of Deputies for the Generall Assembly, but withall publish an Order That none should presume to give their votes for choise of Deputies but Such as they Should nominate upon penalty of ffive pounds and in Townes of above Two hundred houses not above Twenty persons permitted to vote at the day of Election very many did demand their right and liberty to vote, but were denied, and threatened to be punished by Waldern and others for contempt of authority in disobeying their commands So that the Deputies in effect are chosen by the Councell.

The Councill have declared them selves to have a Legislative power and that no Law shalbe of force but what is made by the Assembly and ratified by them.

They have declared themselves a Court of Appeals and have Denyed Appeals to his Maj^{ty} and have threatened to punish Such as should appeall from them to his Maj^{ty} contrary to the Express words of the Commission

They have made a Law to confirm the Laws of the Massachusets Colony and the Title to Lands derived from that authority.

They have made a Law that no Magistrate or Elder of a Church shall pay any Tax or Rate whatsoever, whereby the Councill and Deputies are freed from impositions the Inhabitants are rated at Will and doom some persons that are not worth 100lb being rated farr more than those who are worth 1000lb

They have raised Great Summs upon the inhabitants and it doth not appeare how expended, the only visible expence being in eating and drinking the Councill allways meeting in an Ordinary.

They ffined Capa Barefoot 10lb for accepting a Comission from Mr Randolph to be his Deputy Surveyour at Pascataway and committed him to prison untill paid Saying that all persons that were employed in Such business should be punished.

Upon complaint of great numbers of the inhabitants of the heavy Taxes laid upon them It was demanded of the Councill upon the 11th of March last an accompt in writing what moneys have been assessed levyed and collected Since the establishment of the present Government and how and for what expended that his Majty might be informed of the State and condition of the province, but it was positively denyed.

The Councill would have enforced an Oath of Secresy upon Mr Chamberlain his Majts Secretary of the Province, and Clerk of the Councill that he should not give an account to his Majts of their proceedings nor write any matters to England but such as they should order, and for refusing hereof he was threatened to be turned out off the Councill, and hitherto have settled no Salary upon him and have appointed Two of themselves to be Recorders & Secretaries of the province, who share the profits and ffees between them thereby defrauding him from the Rights of the place.

Upon the whole matter it may cheifly be observed.

1. Most of the Councill did to their uttmost oppose his Majts Royall Commission for setling the province

2. The Councill have not taken the oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy as the Commission and Law requires.

3. They have appointed the Deputies for the Assembly and would not Suffer the inhabitants to give their votes.

4. They have declared themselves a Court of Appeals and have Denyed Appeals to his Majty contrary to the Commission.

5. They have made Severall Laws absolutely repugnant to the Laws of England, and derogatory to his Majts Royall authority.

6. They have not given his Majty an account of their proceedings nor transmitted their Laws although positively required to be done every Three months at least and have particularly ordered That the Laws for taxing the people, and freing themselves and their party shall not be Sent to his Majty

7. The Councill is overruled by Waldern Martin and Some others who doe deny his Maj^{ts} Sovereignty in the province, and upon Sundry occasions have uttered words of a dangerous and pernicious consequence.

All which wilbe made out upon Oath if yor Lordships shall think fitt to requre it.

[Endorsed] Narrative of The Proceedings of New Hampshire. Read ye 6 Sept 1681. Read again 10th Sept. 1681.

[*Robert Mason against the Council*, 1681.]

New Hampshire Papers. Vol. 48, *Page* 456–7.

[1681.]

To the Right Hono^{ble} the Lords of his Maj^{ts} most Hono^{ble} privy Councel a Committee of Trade and Plantations.

The humble Petition of Robert Mason Esqr ag^{tt} ye Councel of New Hampshire, Sheweth,

That his Maj^{ty} by his Commission under the Great Seal, bearing date the 18th of Septm 1679, did constitute a President and Council for governing a part of the Province of New Hampshire in New England and of his Royall Goodness was most graciously pleased to take care of the concerns and interest of the pet^{r} and to declare the ancient and legall right and title of the pet^{rs} Ancesters to the said province by virtue of a Grant derived from his Maj^{ts} Royall Grandfather King James in the Eighteenth year of his reign out off the possession whereof he had been long kept by the Govern^{t} and Company of the Massachusets Bay. And his Maj^{ty} was further pleased to declare to the Inhabitants of the said province, That to prevent any unreasonable demands which might be made by the pet^{r} His Ma^{ty} had obliged him under his hand and Seal, to remit all Arrears of rent unto the 24th of June 1679. Nor molest any in their possession for the time to come, and make out titles to them and their Heyres for ever. Provided they will pay unto the pet^{r} and his heyres upon a fair agreement in Liew of all Rents Sixpence in the pound, according to the just and true yearly value of all houses built by them and of all lands which have been improved by them and that the residue doe remain unto the pet^{r} to be disposed off for his best advantage. And

for the more Easy and quiet Settlement of his Estate, His Maj^{ty} did impower, and require the President and Councell to interpose and reconcile all differences if they can, that shall or may arise between the pet^{r} and the severall inhabitants and if they cannot to Send such cases fairly and impartially stated to his Maj^{ty} that by the advice of his privy Councel His Maj^{ty} may determine therein according to Equity

But so it is may it please yor Lordships, That upon the arrival of the pet^{r} in the said province in decemb last after Twenty years Solliciting his Maj^{ty} for releif in confidence of quietly enjoying his inheritance and reaping some benefit from the great Expences of his Ancestors, He was greatly opposed by the Councell most of whom having been in authority under the Massachusetts whilest they usurped a Jurisdiction in the province and had given Each other large tracts of the pet^{rs} lands, and sold great quantities to the Inhabitants at dear rates who instead of paying obedience to his Maj^{ty} Commands and doing right to the pet^{r}, make use of his Maj^{ts} Commission only for private Ends against his Royal authority and at their first setting make a Law to Secure their Detension Usurpation and disposal of the pet^{rs} lands in these words To prevent contention and controversy that may arise among us, by reason of the late change of Government It is ordered by this Assembly, and by the authority therof, That all lands, Townships, Towngrants with all other grants lying within the limits of this Province and all other rights and properties shall stand good and are hereby confirmed to the Towns and persons concerned, in the same State and condition as they did before the late alteration By which Law the pet^{r} just right and title is wholly excluded And Severall of the Councel had the confidence to Say That neither His Maj^{ty} or the pet^{r} had anything to doe in the province or right to any land therein and urged there own late made Law in barr.

Nevertheless pet^{r} did by Severall Declarations, give the Inhabitants to understand his legal right & title derived from the Crown, the invalidity and illegality of their late Law and Town grants and that pursuant to His Maj^{ts} commands he was ready and willing to confirm the Lands they had improved with addition of more lands upon very reasonable terms, the which offer, the pet^{r} also made unto every one of the Councill Severally, by his Letters of 4th ffebruary last he being resolved nothing should be wanting on his part towards a fair and Equitable agreement Hereupon the then president John Cutt esq^{r} desired a Grant for his lands and advised others to the same and expressed his dislike of the Councils proceedings so that in a short time above half the inhabitants of the province, and of the better sort came to the pet^{r} to have the Lands confirmed and entred their names and

lands for the passing of Deeds which as Soon as they could be writt were Sealed.

That Richard Waldern, Richard Martin, with others of the Councill and Joshua Moody a preacher did publickly excite the people not to come to any agreement, or to owne the pet^{rs} title Severall consults are held with some of the factious Magistrates of Boston, how to oppose the pet^{r} Seditious Sermons are preached and Scandalous Libels are scattered abroad, to amuse and distract the people by which means many were diverted from coming to the pet^{r} and some were opbraided, and others threatened for owning his Title; and the Councill themselves did make it their business in the Severall Townes where they live, to goe from house to house to diswade the people from coming to any agreement Yet most of those who stood out, did say that if the Councill would order them to pay the Quitt Rents they would willingly doe it.

That after the death of the said president who was succeeded by Richard Waldern the Councill Summon the pet^{rs} Stewards to appear before them, take away their Deputations threaten to punish them for demanding his Quitt Rents and forbiding their Servants to fell his woods without licence first obtained (which the pet^{r} freely granted to all that asked it) And doe declare these actings of his Stewards to be a breach of the peace and high offenders and doe require them in his Maj^{ts} name and at their perill to desist.

The pet^{r} to put an issue to these disputes and that a Speedy determination may be given in whom the right and title is and that the inhabitants may not be held in Suspence or suffer prejudice by longer delays did Summon Richard Waldern Richard Martin and others, to appeare by themselves or Sufficient Attorneys within Three months before his Maj^{ts} in Councill as the Sovereign and Sole Judge in this case, to Sett out their respective Titles to the lands they possess, or claim within the said province and unjustly detain from the pet^{r} in default wherof he would humbly implore his Maj^{ty} justice for a finall judgment against them and in the meantime did desire the Councill and every of them to have a care not to make use of his Maj^{ts} name for private ends against his Royall authority nor to give any interruptions to the pet^{rs} in prosecution therof.

Hereupon Richard Waldern Richard Martin with some others of the Councill, issue out a Warrant for apprehending the pet^{r} in these words. To John Roberts Marshall of the province of New Hampshire You are hereby required in his Maj^{ts} name to apprehend the body of Robert Mason Esqr and him forthwith to bring before the president and Councill if Sitting, if not, before the hono^{ble} Richard Waldern esq^{ir} President or the hono^{ble} Elias Stileman Deputy President, or any

Two of the Councill to be disposed according to their best discretion, So that he may appear at the Councils next Setting to give answer for his Usurpation over his Maj^{ts} authority here Established in Sitting up a Declaration in publick bearing date 2 of May 1681 therein Summoning in his owne name and case, the hono^{ble} president, with Several of the Councill and other persons of quality to appear before our Sovereign Lord the King within Three months, and what else he shalbe then charged with hereof fail not at yor perill and this shalbe yor Sufficient Warrant Dated in Portsmouth 18th May 1681 And Richard Martin did say to the pet^{r} if the Councill could handsomly meett with him they would stop his voyage for England. And they did Sollicit the Master of the Ship not to receive him on board.

The pet^{r} therefore most humbly prays That yor Lordships wilbe pleased to consider of, and report these and other the informations and proceedings of the said Councill unto his Maj^{ty} all which he is ready to make out, and to move his Maj^{ty} that the aforesaid Law, and other their arbitrary and partial orders, be declared Null and void And that his Maj^{ty} wilbe pleased to declare according to a Report prepared by yor Lordships in July 1679 that all Grants Titles and Alienations of the said Lands made by or by authority derived from the Governor and Company of the Massachusets Bay be absolutely void and illegal as also to require and command the inhabitants to acknowledge and receive him as their true and lawfull proprietor under his Maj^{ty} And that the aforesaid persons who have been continual opposers of his Maj^{ts} Royall authority as well as the pet^{rs} lawfull rights, may be Summoned to appeare before his Maj^{ty} in Councill to sett forth their respective Titles to the Lands they claim and detain from the pet^{r} And to command all persons who shall refuse or delay to agree with the pet^{r} upon the terms and conditions approved and appointed by His Maj^{ty} be inhibited from cutting or felling any wood Unless for their necessary firing untill his Maj^{ty} Shall have given his own Royall Determination in their particular cases And that his Maj^{ty} wilbe pleased to take some effectual means for the reinforcing his Royall Authority there, that the pet^{r} may not be any longer kept out of his inheritance by the contrivance and practices of evill minded men. And yor pet^{r} shall pray.

[Endorsed] Peticon of Mr Mason ag^{t} Councill of New hamps. Read 10 Novr 1681.

[*Proceedings in Council, New Seal, Proclamation, Governor and Council Sworn, etc.*]

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[Seal] (Duplicate of what was formerly sent)

At a Councel held at Portsmouth October ye 4th 1682.

A new Commission from his Ma^ty^ produced by Edward Cranfield Esqr Constituting him His Ma^ts^ Lieutenant Governour & Commander in chief of this His Province of New Hampshire, was read, & according to the direction in the said Commission, the said Edwd Cranfield Esqr was by ye Persons nominated & appointed therein to be of ye Councel, sworn upon the Holy Evangelists, and He took ye Oaths of Allegiance & Supremacy. And Robert Mason, Richard Waldron Thomas Daniel, William Vaughan Richard Martin, John Gilman, Elias Stileman, Walter Barefoot & Richard Chamberlain Esq^rs^ were all in like manner sworn And ye old Comiss^n^ was declared to be void in & by vertue of ye said new Comis^n^.

The old Seal of ye Province having this Inscription Sigillum Preasidentis et Consilis de Provincia Novæ Hamptoniæ in Nova Anglia, was by ye Governour demanded (as directed by the said Commiss^n^) & delivered up to him by the late President Richard Waldron Esqr And a new one of Silver brought by the Govern^r^ having these words around it Sigillum Provinciae, Nostrae Novae Hamptoniae in Nova Anglia, was shown, & is to be kept & in custody of the Governour.

Agreed & Ordered by the Govern^r^ by & with ye advice & consent of ye Councel, That ye following Proclamacon or Publication of ye Honble Edwd Cranfield His being Constituted Govern^r^ (as abovesaid) be made in ye ffour Towns in these words.

By the Govern^r^

Whereas His Most Excel^t^ Our Soveraign Lord King Charles ye Sec^d^ Hath thought fit to make void His Royal Comiss^n^ of ye 18th Sept. 1679 & all ye clauses matters and things therein contained; And hath by a New Comission or Patent under ye Great Seal of Engl^d^ bearing date May ye 9th 1682, Constituted & appointed Me Edward Cranfield Esqr His Lieuten^t^ Govern^r^ & Comander in chief of this His Province of New Hampshire; I do therefore according to his Ma^ts^ Command publish ye same. And all the Inhabitants of ye said Province are hereby required in His Ma^ts^ Name to take special notice thereof, & to give obedience thereto accordingly.

And all Officers Civil & Military, are to continue in, & discharge ye Duty of y^r^ respective Offices & Places, til they shal receiv further Order therein.

Dated at Portsm this 4th day of October 1682, in ye 34th year of His Mats Raign (Directed to ye Constables of each of ye 4 Towns.)

The Councel adjorn'd to Octobr 10th following.

At ye Meeting of yr Governr & Councel at Portsm Octobr 10th Ao. Dni. 1682.

The Governr & those of ye Councel were sworn upon ye Book (as before) in the Oath for due execucon of their Trust & Administracon of Justice in their respective Places in this form following, taken from ye old Comisn none being particularly appointed by ye new.

You shall swear, wel & truly to Administer Justice to all His Mats good Subjects inhabiting within ye Province of New Hampshire under this Government ; & also duly & faithfully to discharge & execute the Trust in you reposed, according to ye best of yor knowledge. You shal spare no person for favour or affection, nor any person greev for hatred or ill will. So help you God.

And (ye Statute book being as yet wanting) ye Governr & Councel subscribed ye Test or abjuracon of Transubstantiacon in ye Holy Sacrament of ye Lords Supper, having said after ye Clark of ye Councel, as ye form is, in these words.

I Edwd Cranfield (so I Robt Mason &c) do declare, That I beleev that there is not any Transubstantiacon in ye Sacrament of ye Lords Supper, or in ye elements of bread & wine, at or after ye consecracon thereof by any person whatsoever.

Ordered by ye Governr in Councel, That ye Secr & Cl: of ye Councel have the Records books & Papers relating to ye business of ye Province, delivered to him ; & that he have all due Perquisites pursuant to his Comision The Governour in Councel doth Order, That all Commissions from His Maty and His Royal Highness, be entred in ye Councel Book, & in ye Secretaries Office Viz :

His Mats Royall Commission impowering Edward Cranfield Esqr His Lieutent Governr & Comander in chief of His Mats Province of New Hampshire, bearing date May 9th 1682.

His Royal Highness ye Duke of York's Comission, made to ye Governour, for the execucon of ye Office of Vice-Admiral And His Comissns for Judg Register & Marshal of ye Admiralty, all bearing date June 29th 1682.

The Comission from His Maty to William Blathwayt Esqr constituting him Surveyor & Auditor General of all His Maty Revenues in America bearing date May 19th 1680, And ye said William Blathwayts Grant of Deputacon to Richd Chamberlain Esqr for this Province of N : Hampshire.

His Mats Comission to Edward Randolph Esqr appointing him Collector Surveyor & Searcher of His Mats Customs in New Engld bearing date Octobr 15th 1681.

The Secret. & Clark of ye Councel of N: Hampshire his Comission from His Ma^{ty} bearing date Sept. 30th 1680.

Ordered likewise by ye Govern^{r} in Councel, That ye Letters viz: That from ye Right Honble the Lords Commission^{rs} of ye Treasury, relating to ye Kings Revenues in America: And that from ye Right Honble ye Lords of ye Committee for Trade & Plantacons to ye Secr. & Cl of ye Councel for Transmission of ye Public Acts & affairs, having all bin read, with due obedience thereto injoned, be entred in ye Councel Book & in ye Secretaries Office

Richd Waldron & Richd Martin Esq^{rs} were by ye Govern^{r} suspen^{d} from ye Councel according to His Ma^{ts} Instructions under ye Signet or Sign manual upon certain accusations & charges exhibited ag^{t} them.

Ordered by ye Govern^{r} in Councel, That a Sumons or Warrant issue forth in His Ma^{ts} Name & agreeable with His Royal Comiss^{n} and be directed to ye Constables of the four Towns respectively, for ye election of Deputies for ye General Assembly viz:

By the Governour .

In His Ma^{ts} Name You are hereby required, with ye soonest convenience to call together ye ffreeholders of ye Town of Portsm (so of ye rest) for ye chusing of Three persons (so Two for Excet^{r}) of ye same; such as shal be fitly qualified to be Deputies for ye Gen Assembly. And ye Three persons (so Two) so elected by ye Majority of Votes (as hath bin used) Shal make their personal appearance at Mr George Snell's house at Portsm on ye second Tuesday in November next (being ye 14th Day thereof) by nine a clock in ye forenoon, in order to making of such Laws & constitutions, as are agreeable to this place, & not repugnant to those of Engl^{d} according to His Ma^{ts} present Comision. And you shal return ye names of the elected Deputies; & if any of them shal be absent from ye Town meeting you shall give him notice of such his election. Hereof fail not. Dated at Portsm Octob^{r} 4th 1682.

And you are also hereby required to administer ye Oath of Allegiance to all His Ma^{ty} Subjects inhabiting within ye Town aforesaid (Directed to ye Constables)

Ordered, by reason of some opposition lately made to ye Constables in levying ye Rates, That a Warrant issue forth for ye impowering them therein as follows.

By the Governour

Wheras His Ma^{ty} by His Royal Comission bearing date ye Ninth day of May, in ye 34th year of His Raign Hath bin pleased to continue ye Taxes or Rates by ye late Government already assessed & imposed upon ye Inhabitants of this Province of New Hampshire, til

ye General Assembly shal have considered & agreed on ye fittest ways for raising Taxes for defraying ye charge of ye Government; These are therefore to require you in His Ma^ty Name, wel & truly to do yor Duty in reference thereto & forthwith to collect & levy all & singular ye Taxes or Rates wch are already assess'd according to the method and power prescribed & given you by ye late Authority. Hereof fail you not at your peril. Dated at Portsm Oct 14th 1682. (Directed to ye Constables.)

Ordered by ye Govern^r in Councel, That Captn Daniel & William Vaughan Esq^s & of ye Councel, take order for a convenient Meeting place for ye Councel & Deputies of the Gen^r assembly in some private house in Portsm It being His Ma^ty Pleasure & Comand not to have any in Taverns & such like public places.

Elias Stileman Esqr delivered up ye Books of records ye papers on file Which by the Governours Order were received by the Secr & Cl: of ye Councel according to a former Order.

A catalogue of which is hereunder written viz:

One Book of records bearing date 1640
One other Book of records dated 1658
One other Book containing Bils of sale & mortgages, Dated 1667.
One other Book of records dated 1674
Two Books of records of ye Court of Associates, bearing date 1663, & 1675.
Edwd Randolph & Mark Hunkins Case 1679
Records of Dover Court 1673
Records of Hampton quart^r Court 1681.
Records of Hampton qu: Court 1680
Records of Dover qu: Court 1681.
Records of Portsm qu: Court 1664
Records of Dover Court 1675
Records of Portsm Court 1680
Records of Portsm Court 1682
Records of Portsm Court 1676
Old Records before Cap^n Stilemans time
Records of Portsm qu: Court 1666
Records of Portsm qu: Court 1678
Records of Portsm Co^t of adjorm^t 1667
Records of Dov^r qu: Court 1663
Records of Dov^r qu: Court 1659
Records of Dov^r qu: Court 1661.
Records of Dov^r Co^t of adjornm^t 1671
Rec^ds of Portsm qu: Court 1672
Records of Dover qu: Court 1680

Records of ye County Court 1679
Records of Portsm qu: Court 1670
Records of Dov^r Co^t of adjornment 1677
Records of Portsm qu: Court 1668
Records of Portsm qu: Court 1662
Records of Dover qu: Court 1667
Records of Portsm qu: Court 1666
Records of Dover qu: Court 1665
Records of Portsm qu: Court 1674
Records of Dover qu: Court 1669.

The above written Records (excepting a few) are all ye Records books & papers that concern ye Public, in his hands; as attests Cap^n Stileman above said. And were by the Governo^rs Order rec^d by me Richd Chamberlain Secr & Cl: of the Councel

Ordered by ye Govern^r That Richd Chamberlain Esqr have ye registring or recording of all Bils & Deeds of sale, mortgages & Wils (all which are here by Ordered to be so recorded) as Perquisites & appertaining to his Office of Secr of ye Province & Cl: of ye Councel; As also, That he be Clark of all the Courts of Judicature held within ye Province; & have ye entry of all Actions Appeals & Judgm^ts & the making of all process writs of attachm^t & other writs & execucons during ye pleasure of ye Governour, & do all other acts relating to ye sd Courts

Ordered by ye Govern^r in Councel, That Richd Martin Esqr & Cap^tn Stileman give in their respective Acco^ts to be audited by Richd Chamberlain Esqr viz. ye sd Martin his Acco^ts of all monies raised since His Mats Royal Comiss^n of ye 18th Sept. 1679 & Cap^n Stilemans Acco^t of ye pouder money since y^t time.

[*Governor Cranfield to the Commissioners. Description of the Province, Resources, etc.* 1682.]

New Hampshire State Papers. Vol. 48, *Pages* 473–9.

[October 23, 1682.]

From Mr Cranfield to ye Comm^tee Upon his Arrivall.

Protsmouth October ye 23th 1682

May it please yor Lordships

After six weeks and five days from Plimo^th on ye first of October His Majest^ts Shipp the Lark Came to an anchor In Salem Harbour

fifteene Leagues to ye Southward of Piscattaqua the winde Takeing her Short whereupon I went Overland and got to Portsmouth on ye Third Instant at night on ye forth in the Morning I writ y^s ffollowing Letter to Mr Waldron the Senr Councell^r and the Rest of the Councill [sic] they being all Convened (Excepting Jo Clemments who is dead) having heard y^t I was Landed.

Gentlemen His Maj^ty having under his broad-seall bearing date the ninth of May last past bin Graciously pleased to appoynte me his Lieu^t Govern^r and Commander in Chiefe of this his Majest^s Province of New Hampshire by vertue of which I am to Call togather at my Arriveall all those who are by his Order to Publish with dew Sollemnitie His Royall Comision afores^d Now to ye Intent That all Obedience be given thereunto. I do hereby In his Maj^ts Name Req^r you Richd Waldron Thom^s Daniel Willm Vaughan Richd Martyn John Gilman Elias Stileman Walter Barefoote and Richard Chamberlayne Esq^rs To repaire forthw^th To the Dwelling house of George Snell, where I shall attend not onely to Discharge my dutie in these his Majes Comands but be Ready to Advise wth you in all other Matters which any wayes Relates to His Maj^ts Service and the good of his Subjects so I bid you heartely farewell and Subscribe myself Gentlemen

Your most Affectionate Servant

Edward Cranfield.

Before my lett^r was delivered Mr. Waldron sent his Sons & another person with him To invite me to ye house where ye greatest part of the Councill were met. After haveing made them acquainted wth the Tenour of his Majes^ts Comission and the Rest of ye Councill being come Togather I caused the Secretary of the Province to Read it which being don I demanded that any five of Them would give me the Oath of Alleagiance and Supremacy and Test at wch Mr Waldron made a pause and said the old Councill desired first to be sattisfied how and by what Method the people were to be Governed whereupon I Replied His Majesty had by Commission directed and Taken Care for that and that in due time Consideracon should be had of what was Contained therein Telling them ye ffirst Stepp that was To be made by his Maj^ts Comands was that any five of them should Sweare me, which if one of them refused to give Obedience Too, I knew what I had to do, whereupon they Complied and gave me the Oaths off Aleagiance and Supremacie wch Like wise I administered to them, but wanting ye Stattute Booke could not Subscribe ye Test, which was don the next meeting. I ordered a Proclamation To be Issued out To signifie that his Majes^ty had bin Graciousely pleased to appoynte me his Lieu^t Governo^r &c^a And that all Officers in Authority

should Act and do their douties in their Respective Offices, while New Comissions could be given out. And after havein suspended Mr Waldron and Martyn as was directed by his Maje^{ts} Instructions I adjourned ye Councill it being the time of gathering their Indien Corne while the tenth Instant, at which meeting these proceeding and ffolloweing Orders wch are here Inclosed. Haveing not had time to makeing Observations so perticuler as are directed by those heads of Inquireies, which I received ffrom yor Lordship such as ye short time of my being here would afford me to make.

I presume to Lay before you, ffirst as ^{to} ye Courts of Judicature onely The Councill hath determined all Judiciall matters both Civile and Crimenall and apeals

Secondly ye number of the horse and ffoote are about four hundred and fifty whereof about Sixty horse but ye most part of ye ffoote are badly armed and Exercised.

Thirdly One Fort built of Tymber with eight Gunnes and Extraordinary well situated upon an Neck of Land at ye mouth of the River Piscattaqua Nature having don so much that in ye judgment of all persons the mouth of the River is Capable of beine ffortified at a small Charge ffor all Shipps must of Necessitie Come within Musket Shott of New Hampshire side and Pistoll Shott To the province of Mayne where there is an Eminencee y^{t} gives great Advantage of ye Sittuation A Regular ffortifycation and where ye River well Fortified, it would not onely Secure ye Inhabitants of N. Hampshire but those that are Settled in the Province of Mayne which were it added to this His Maj^{tys} Government, it would soone become very Considerable for not onely all the ffisherys belong to that province wch in breadth on the Sea is Thirty Leagues the Eastermost bounds reaching To Saccadehok, being ye mouth of Kennebeck Piscattaqua makeing ye south bounds. The Navegable Rivers Therein Begining at Piscattaqua, are York River Sacoe Winter Harbour Casco Bay where a Thousand Shipps may Ride Landlockt, there are Sundery other smale Rivers whereon Saw Mills are Standing but not Navigable. The soyle is much better There, Than any in N. England Southward of it, Alsoe it abounds wth Tymber both oke and pine wch N. Hampshire is much pilleged off.

Forthly The Neighbours are considerable both Indiens & ffrench in these Eastermost parts, both for Number and strength ye ffrench Prohibit Trade wth us they have a great Trade wth the Indiens for Bevo^{r}

ffthly the Armes y^{t} are most Usefull here by Reason of ye woods are muskets of wch ye Inhabetants are ill provided, there being no Ammunition in the Province but w^{t} some private men have and y^{t} Inconsiderable.

Sixthly The Province under my Goverm^{t} is in Breadth but Seventeen miles, upon ye Sea or in any Other part no port belonging to it but ye River Piscattaqua, to wch ye Boston^{rs} Claime equall priviledges y^{r} Province of Mayne makeing one side of ye River.

None of ye Islands of Sholes paying Obedience to this Goverment, so y^{t} This Province hath not any one fishery belonging to it, some of them are under the Province of Mayne, wch is ten times more considerable then the Province of N. Hampshire in all Respects here being but four poor Townes, whereof Portsm^{o} ye only place of Trade.

I hope yor Lordships will be pleased to Excuse me y^{t} I am not able to give a more Large account of things haveing most of my Time bin taken up in Setling things y^{t} Relate to the Goverm^{t} Only shall add that I have Intilligence from Boston that they were Allarmed at my Comeing that they did beleive I had brought a Quo Warranto Against their Charter and that my Pattent had Comprehended ye Province of Mayne knowing Their purchas was againste His Maj^{ties} will and pleasure wch if it was added would be off greate Advantage to His Maj^{ts} Government for by putting an easy rate on Smale Vessells y^{t} Come from Boston & other parts of their Governm^{t} to fetch boards pipestaves and other Tymber ye Goverm^{t} willbe Easely Supported wthout burthening ye Inhabitants of this Province who are So poor, are not able to pay their parracall duties wch Cannot be done unless the Province of Mayne Consent as well as Hampshire. The River Piscattaqua running betweene both, all which is most humbly submitted to your Lordships Wisdome so humbly beging Leave to subscribe my Self My Lords

Yo^{r} Lordships most humble and most Obedient Servant

Edward Cranfield

[Endorsed] 23 Octob 82 From Mr Cranfield to ye Committee. Rec'd ye 6 Jan 83 Read ye 18 Ins^{t} State of ye province of Maine to be laid before ye L^{ds}

[*Cranfield to the Commissioners*, 1682. *Relates to Mason's Claim. Ecclesiastical and General Affairs.*]

New Hampshire Papers. Vol. 48, *Pages* 482–3.

Lre from Mr Cranfield to ye Comm^{tee} Touching Waldern & Martin, &c. New Hampshire from Portsm^{o} Dec 1st 1682

May it please yor Lord^{ps}

I have formerly given yor Lord^{ps} an Acco^{t} of my Arrivall here, & of such Transactions as were worthy of your notice until ye Departure

of ye Last Ships: What hath since occured I humbly present to yor Lordships as followeth:

Concerning Maj^{r} Waldron & Mr Martin I appointed a time for the Examination of y^{t} matter giving seasonable Notice to Mr Mason to prepare Himself to make good His charge & Issued out Summons for ye Convening of Witnesses in order thereunto some of whom appeared not, & those y^{t} did made out nothing But on the other hand ye said Waldron & Martin offered to prove from his own words & writings Sundry things against ye said Mason y^{t} were misbecoming touching His Maj^{tie} & His Authority & such as were not to be allowed, wch though I did not see cause to receive in ye nature of a charge Having no instructions directing me thereunto yet thought meet to send a Copy of them to yor L^{d}ships, together with their particular Answer to each of those Articles Exhibited against them by Mr Mason & Randolph. Upon ye whole, Having weighed & Considered all matters, I find y^{t} altho' there might have been some Heats of Spirit & unduenes of Expression between Mr Mason & them while contending about property, yet nothing to render them guilty of such disloyalty as they were charged with; but Having Evid^{t} demonstracon to ye contrary by their words & Actions I did upon ye 14th Novemb^{r} take off thier Suspention & restore them to ye Councill, finding them to be persons very usefull for his Maj^{ties} service here.

In relation to Mr Mason He hath much misrepresented ye whole matter both as to ye place & people, the Province being nothing so Considerable, not ye Inhabitants so Humor'd as He reports: There are but four small Townes, & those m^{ch} Impoverished by their Vast expences in ye Late Indian Warre, & severall Hundreds of pounds in Debt to this day on y^{t} Acco^{t} I find them very Loyall to His Maj^{tie} & respectfull to myselfe as coming from His Maj^{tie} & willing to doe w^{t} is within their reach for ye upholding of ye Governm^{t} but no way capable of doing so m^{ch} as hath been pretended. And instead of being ready to own Mr Mason as their Proprietor they are very slow to admit of any person except their Sovereign Lord the King to be their Lord Proprietor & However they might at first Complem^{t} in y^{t} matter few or none (so farre as I can Learn) are willing to Comply (some few Quakers, & such like, Excepted & those upon no other termes than upon ye Conditions of His recovering ye whole) but ye Generall desire of ye Province is for a determination of ye case by Law So y^{t} I Humbly conceive Mr Mason hath taken wrong measures for his procedure He concluded upon ye Laying aside of Mr Waldron & Martin & discountenancing ye Minister of ye principall place in ye Province that He sh^{d} have frighted ye People into a Complyance wth him, but finds Himselfe mistaken: Whereas had He desired & ob-

tained an order for a Tryall upon ye place He Had been in my Opinion one step nearer ye End of His busines than now He is. Hitherto He hath desired ye Summoning but of one person before me, who hath given in ye Reasons of His refusing Complyance wth His demands, a Copy of wch together wth ye Stating ye case & my opinion thereupon annexed, as His Maj^{tie} in His Commission Commands me I shall by the next Send to yor Lordships Hereupon Mr Mason seeing ye fixednes of the people in their way did by ye Advice of Mr Chamberlaine press me to restraine ye Cutting of wood, wch Had I done it had certainly been of ill Consequence; for without wood for firing & Timber for Merchandize ye poor People must needs perish: Altho' I have been not fairly treated by Mr Mason & Chamberlaine for refusing to gratifie them, notwithstanding I have kept close to ye methods prescrib'd me in His Maj^{ties} Commission relating to His Claim.

Had I yielded to such Violent Courses as they urged I should have greatly amaz'd disturb'd & p^{r}judiced ye people & no wayes promoted His Maj^{ties} Interest & Honour wch is so every way Superiour to ye Satisfaction of any private person And indeed ye people stick not to say y^{t} Mr Chamberlaine being so affected to Mr Masons Interest puts Him upon such unsafe & irregular Counsels wch they were ready to attribute to Maj^{r} Shapleigh, a Quaker, while He was alive, but he being dead it lies at ye other's door; & they further object His Indigency wth some other Considerations of Him y^{t} they have wch makes them m^{ch} to lament y^{t} all their Records in Judiciall matters, their Wills, Bills of Sale, Titles to their Lands & other writings in wch they are so m^{ch} concern'd sh^{d} be in ye Hands of one so devoted to their Antagonist, without any Security for ye discharging of y^{t} office faithfully as He ought, wch Security He is also uncapable of giving, tho' they patiently Submit to His Maj^{ties} Right of Disposall in y^{t} matter, yet have desired me Humbly to recommend it to yor Lordships Consideration And I must needs say I find Him very uncapable of busines, either for drawing Orders or other work appurtaining to His Office whither out of Originall In ability want of Experience dejectednes through poverty or being deceiv'd in his Expectations of ye profits of His place, or w^{t} ever else I say not wch makes me ye more uneasy in ye Discharge of my duty. I have Setled Him in His Office as Secretary & Clerk of ye Inferiour Courts put all ye Records into His Hands so y^{t} w^{t} fees there are (wch I think are not many) He receives: But He accounts Himselfe Hardly dealt wth if he have not ye profits of ye seale & of every Summons or Warrants all wch amounts not to ten pounds p annu. Whereas when any matter of Service to His Maj^{tie} is offered He Declines it, as for Instance The Office of

Judge of ye Admiralty Court, wch upon my directing a Commission to Him for ye Constituting of, He refused whereby the Kings busines is Obstructed, ye prosecuting ye Acts of Navigation hindered & damage like to come to His Maj^{ties} Interest by y^{t} meanes untill a returne from His Royall Highness, who hath reserved to Himselfe ye making a Judg for y^{t} Court, & if ye methods of Governm^{t} be carryed on according to Instructions ye Charge & Labour in writing will be little lesse than that of other His Maj^{ties} Plantations & ye Incomes so inconsiderable y^{t} Kingsbridge is as well able to Support ye Honour & Expence of a Governm^{t} as this Province. And if Mr Mason sh^{d} have his six pence p pound of all ye Improv'd Lands, the whole (However He magnified a fifth part of the Rents & Fines) would not amount to One Hundred pounds p Annu But if ye Province of Main were added to this Governm^{t} (ye River Pascataq equally belonging to them both) we might then put a Tax upon Boards, Staves & Timber y^{t} would support ye same, However I shalbe chearfull under yor Lordships Comands for His Maj^{ties} Service during my Continuance here.

Touching Ecclesiasticall matters, the attempting to settle ye way of ye Church of England I perceive wilbe very grievous to ye people, However Mr Mason asserted y^{t} their Inclinacons were m^{ch} y^{t} way. I have observed them to be very dilig^{t} & devout in attending on y^{t} mode of worship wch they have been brought up in, & hath been so long setled among them & seem to be very tenacious of it, & are very thankfull for His Maj^{ties} Gracious Indulgence in those matters.

The Gen^{ll} Assembly after three weekes sitting have desired a Recess for some time by reason of ye Sharpness of ye Season & shortnes of ye dayes, by wch busines is m^{ch} retarded, nor were they able to sit above three, or at utmost four dayes in a Week. Some Lawes are passt, but sh^{d} I have awaited Mr Chamberlain's Transcription of them, I would not have given yor Lordships a sight of them by this Conveyance, but by ye next opportunity shall send them Authentique under ye Seale as is directed.

Further I crave leave wth Submission, to lay before yor Lordships y^{t} ye Restriction upon Councill & Assembly & Court's of Judicature from meeting in Houses of Entertainm^{t} is not practicable here without great Inconveniences, as we have in this Session Experienced & shall further find when ye Country round about comes into ye Courts of Judicature Held in ye Severall Townes of ye Province, & therefore Humbly desire y^{t} we may be favoured in y^{t} point, as other His Maj^{ties} Plantations are, & y^{t} w^{t} hath customarily used to come in by Courts may be Imployed for defraying ye Charges of said Courts while Sitting as it is in other places or else ye Judges Justices & Ju-

rors must meet & spend their time upon their own Charge wch Seems somewt hard to them yt have not Estates to bear it out.

I forget to adde yt upon Arguing Capt Stileman's Case with Mr Mason ye Old Record book of ye Province was produced, wherein it appeared yt in Capt Jno Mason's life time, ye Inhabitants being wholy without Governmt were forced to enter into a Combination to Govern themselves by His Majtes Lawes as well as they could a Copy of wch I have herewith Sent ; as also they petitioned ye Massachusets to take them under their Governmt when they found by Experience yt they could not Govern themselves. So yt ye Massachusets never Exercised Authority over them, till desired by themselves: And as for Taxes, ye people owne yt ye Massachusets have Expended Severall Thousds pounds for them in ye Indian Warre, yt they never had any Compensation for. I doe also find yt ye people upon a further Hearing will have many things to Say against Mr Mason's property wch they reserve for an Issue in Law Having no more at present to trouble your Lops I subscribe myselfe

My Lords Your Lops Most Humble & obedt Servt

Edw. Cranfield.

[Addressed] For ye Right Honble the Lords of the Committee for Forraign Plantations.

[Endorsed] New Hampshire 1. Dec. 1682. From Mr Cranfield to the Comtee Recd ye 23 Febry Read ye 27 Apr. 1683.

[*Governor Cranfield to Secretary of State. Maine should be part of New Hampshire. Not Practicable to establish the Church of England, etc.*]

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Portsmo in New Hampshire

[December 1, 1682.]

May it please yor Honor

I have sent inclosed a Lre to ye Right Honoble ye Lords of ye Comittee for Forraign Plantations, wherein I have given ye true state of matters here so farre as my Observation in so short a time would advantage me to doe: together wth Copies of such Lawes as were

made by ye Generall Assembly, wch I had not opportunity to get transcribed by ye Secretary & made Authentique by ye seal, but shall doe it by ye next Conveyance Also a declaration of Mr Chamberlaines declining before ye Council ye Office of Judge of ye Admiralty Court wth ye Answers of Mr Waldron & Martin to ye Charges of Mr Mason & Randolph. And I beg leave to give yor Hono^r^ an Acco^t^ of whatever hath been suggested by Mr Mason y^t^ Introducing ye way of ye Church of England will not be practicable here, as I have particularly by a Lre to each informed His Grace ye Ld Arch-Bishop of Canterbury and ye L^d^ B^p^ of London.

I wrot to yor Hono^r^ in my last, how necessary it would be y^t^ ye Province of Meyn sh^d^ be added to this Governm^t^: There is a great want of Armes in ye Province wch I hope yor Hono^r^ wilbe pleased to move for, a supply of 500 fire locks and 150 Cases of Pistols will put ye Province into a Capacity to defend themselves against ye Insolent Natives. When ye Gen^ll^ Assembly sits wch wilbe about a month hence, I shall have further matter to present yor Hono^r^ wth this being all at present from

Yo^r^ Hono^rs^ most Humble & most obed^t^ serv^t^

Edw Cranfield

[Addressed] ffor the Right honor^ble^ Sr Lyonell Jenkins principall Secretary of State to his Maj^tey^Att Whitehall

[Endorsed] New Hampshire 1 Decr R. 13 Febr.

Mr. Cranfield.

[*Governor Cranfield to Lords of Trade and Plantations. Concerning Mason, Unfair Jury Decisions, etc.*]

New Hampshire Papers. Vol. 47.

[December 30, 1682.]

Right Honorable.

By my Letters from Boston I gave yor Lordships an acco^tt^ that at my arrivall to this province I was kindly received and acknowledged Governour therof, and finding the Councill and other Inhabitants possessed of large tracts of lands claimed by Mr Mason and resolved to make the best defence they could, I did not at that time think it for his Maj^ty^ Service to make myself a party by appearing on Mr Masons behalf but deferred that to a decision at Law, and made it my

business with all moderation in order to a quiett and peaceable settlement to compose the minds of the people. At the rising of the Assembly in November last, I passed their Laws some wherof were then made in their favour & made them sensible I obliged them thereby they also seemed highly affected that his Maj^ty Notwithstanding severall complain^ts were offered by Mr Mason and Mr Randolph reflecting upon their ill management in Government had of his great clemency been pleased to continue them of his Councill in this province and often expressing their resolutions for the future to become obedient to his laws and Royall Commands upon which I was induced to believe they were in good earnest and to continue the present peace dismissed the charge brought heer against Mr Waldern late president Mr Martin and others by Mr Mason being thereto obliged Strictly to attend the methods laid downe to me in his Maj^ts Commission and in my papers also upon that present State of affairs writt to yor Lordships in their ffavour

My Lords lett it not seem strange to yor Lordships that in so short a time the matters in this paper appears so different from my former discourses to yor Lordships from Boston, which in honour to his Maj^ty and vindication of my sincerity to his service I take the first opportunity to lay befor yor Lordships as follows. All in the late Councill together with many of the chief Inhabitants in this province are part of the Grand Combination made up of Church members of Congregational Assemblies throughout the Colonies in New England, and by that they are so strictly obliged that the interest or prejudice of any One if considerable affects and influences the whole party and thus it hath fallen out here.

About Augt last the president and Councill of this province admitted the Ketch George a Scotch Vessell sailed with Scotsmen belonging to one Jeffray a Scotsman a Church member here to enter and trade contrary to the 12th of the King about ffourteen days after my arrival Mr Randolph having advice hereof seized her and Cargo for his Maj^ty upon which I ordered her to be stopped and appointed a Court for a tryal where Mr Randolph appearing on his Maj^ty behalf insisted upon the breach of the Acts of trade and prayed condemnation therupon. But the Jury in which were ffour Church Members and leading men although nothing was offered in barr of Judgement find against the King and give Jeffray costs of Court against Mr Randolph upon this I have been obliged to take new measure's and in the ffirst place have turned Stileman Captain of the ffort a Church Member out off his Command for suffering the Ketch to pass the ffort before the tryall against my express order to the contrary, and I have directed Mr Randolph to prosecute with all vigour all persons

concerned in contriving the escape and also to attaint the jury for bringing a false verdict so that I am now upon this just occasion engaged to follow this matter as farr as Law and the integrity of Juries will admitt, and to lay aside persons whom I find declining in this so great a violation of Law & Justice. Upon my receiving his Maj^{ty} Commission for the Government of this province yor Lordships were of opinion that the irregular trade so often complained of by Mr Randolph in his papers to yor Lordships would be totally discouraged.

The sight of the Lark ffrigat in their harbour putt an awe upon them, but so long as their preachers exercise a countermanding power to his Maj^{ty} authority and oppose all persons and things which recive not a Sanction fro them I am in much doubt where to find honest and fitt persons enough in this small Colony to administer Justice serve in Juries and execute the Several parts in Government. I cannot omitt to acquaint yor Lord^{ps} of one particular case lately practised in the Courts of this province. A Gentleman brought his action upon a bond against a Church-member, the case was so plain that the Jury found for the plaintiff but the Court would not admitt of that verdict, but gave damages against them thus their preachers Support their common Interest.

My Lords I have insisted the larger in this matter because I find it not in my power long to continue ye good Government of this province unless it be given me in Command by order from his Maj^{ty} and also from my Lord of London under whose Diocess the fforreign plantations are to remove all such their preachers who oppose and endeavour to disturb the peace of this Government which method wilbe necessary to be observed in the Settlement of the Bostoners Colony and also in the province of Main from which I can only expect tricks and trouble till annexed to this Government, they claiming the privilege of one-half of the River of Pascataway which divides the two provinces In the mean time I shall not be wanting with all chearfullness and fidelity to discharge the trust reposed in me by his Maj^{ty} and yor Lordships.

My Lords as I had finished this Letter the Jury in the case of the Ketch George having some dread on them of the ill consequence that might befall them by reason of their erroneous verdict against the King Petitioned me to admitt them to mend their verdict and it not being recorded I granted their desire whereupon they found for the King, and the vessell is now condemned though out of our possession I am humbly of opinion this will terrify succeeding Juries So as not to be influenced to adhere to the malignant party to goe against Law and evidence for the future, which were it not for fear of punishing their purses more then burdening their consciences they would

not stick to doe. I am sorry to find the actions of these people so farr short of what they first professed and my Character of them to yor Lordships but it proceeds not out of any mutability in me but from themselves for want of that Loyalty they so much boasted of, they having been in a confederacy to carry the cause against the King.

Notwithstanding all which if I am countenanced by yor Lordships I doubt not to bring this people to reason and obedience to his Maj^{ty}

I am Right hono^{ble} Yo^{r} Lordships most obedient
and most humble servant
Edw Cranfield.

New Hampshire 30 Decem 1682.

[Endorsed] New Hampshire 1682. 30 Dec R. 10 May. Mr Cranffield to ye Lords Com^{ee} of Trade.

[*Governor Cranfield. Concerning Mason, Uniting Maine to New Hampshire, etc.* 1683.]

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[1682.]

May it please yor Hono^{r}

This Inclosed Peticon was brought to me by Captn ffranc^{s} Champenone in behalf of ye Inhabitants of ye Province of Mayn wch is humbly desired that yor Hono^{r} would be pleased so far to favo^{r} them as to have it read before his Maj^{ty} in Councill and in case His Maj^{ty} should so far Condesend as to grant their peticon the advantage of uniting y^{t} province to this his Maj^{ties} Goverment will prove in A Short Time so considerable that it will not be only a means to Suport ye Hono^{r} of his Maj^{tys} Goverm^{t} but keepe the people in their dutie and Loyalty wch other wise will be difficult to do in regard this smale Province is hedged in by the Boston^{rs} whose endov^{rs} & designes I perceive are to ꝑvert & undermine this Settlement of His Maj^{ties} Goverm^{t} I have taken a vew of ye Condicon of ye Inhabitants of ye Province however it hath bin represent to His Maj^{ty} The true state & Condicon of them is very meane there being not ten men worth five hundred pounds each and not likely to Improve haveing no ffisheries nor Tymber considerable left to increase trade should Mr Mason

dispossess the Towns of their unimproved lands it would be impossible for above four or five families to Subsist, haveing no where else to ffeed their Cattle in winter & Sumer, for their Mainteinence ariseth wholely thereby, their Tymber Trade being very much decayed. The Inhabitants most of them declare they must with-draw and quit the Province if Mr Mason will not accept an acknowledment for the Comons as wel as ye improved lands, wch if every man were willing to pay in the four Towns the Six pence on ye pound to Mr Mason it will not amount to above one hundred pounds p ann w^{t} ever he hath Suggested to himself to ye contrary. The people are willing to contribute towards both, to ye Support of his Maj^{ties} Goverm^{t} in this province, & to sattisfy any reasonable demands of Mr Mason Also very duty full in their Expressons and behaveour towards his Maj^{ty} and Goverm^{t} Contrary to my Expectacons.

Yo^{r} Hono^{r} would do this province ye greatest good Imaginable if y^{u} would be pleaced to procure of his Maj^{ty} four hundred & fifty fire lock muskets & one hundred Case of pistols and one hundred Carbines wthout which the Province cannot be Safe against the Indiens who are well armed by ye ffrench, which makes them here, of late very Insolent in these Eastern parts

May it please yor Hon^{r}

I have no more at present to Troble yor Hon^{r} wth all only to let you know that at the meeting of ye Assembly I shall Endevour to get such Laws past that may be Satisfactory to his Maj^{ty} and Suteable to the constitution of the people, in the mean time shall call ye Treasure to an account for that little publicque monies which has bin raised Since his Maj^{ties} Commission ye 18th of Sepber 1679 wch account and take the Examinacon of Waldron and Martyns Charge as alsoe all other proceedings shall be Transmitted to yor Hon^{rs} and the Lords of his Maj^{ties} privy Councill appoynted Committie &c

I am Yo^{r} Hon^{rs} most humble and most Obedient Servant

Edw. Cranfield

[Endorsed] New England 82. New Hampshire R. about Jan 82–3 Mr Cranfield

[*Cranfield to Lords of Trade, January*, 1683. *Wants the Power to place and displace Ministers. Concerning "Bostoners," Mason, etc.*]

New Hampshire Papers. Vol. 47.

[January 10, 1682–83.]

Right Honorable

May it please yor Lordships.

My last was from Boston where I spent time enough to pry into some of the Secrets of the ffaction, upon my dealing plainly with them, in reference to their affairs at Court, they told me that by the passions and precipitate counsels amongst them, they had highly and deservedly incurred his Maj^ts pleasure And that if a Quo Warranto should be brought against their Charter they would be at no further charge to make a defence but cast themselves at his Maj^ts feet and sue for pardon and willingly submitt to such Regulations as in his princely Wisedome should seem meet.

If his Maj^ty shall think fitt to send a Quo Warranto to Mr Randolph and shew the Governor Magistrates & General Court that in One hand and a Commission with a General pardon in the other hand I have good assurance from both parties the letters will have a kind reception, without putting his Maj^ty to any further charge or trouble, they will Swollow all that is in my Commission It is absolutely necessary that all the preachers are to be placed or displaced as the Governor shall think fitt ffor I find they have so great an influence upon the people and so apt to disturb the peace, that I shall not be able to Govern this small province without that power.

I must intreat yor Lordships favour in having my Commission of Admiralty enlarged and to contain all the Maritime Coast from Kenebeck river in the province of Main to ffairfield in Connecticut Colony the better to secure the Coast and present Interlopers, which come from prohibited ports, and that I be also impowered to Grant passes to all Ships that Sayle from these parts to secure them against the Algerins, and other Turks.

There is a Clause in my Commission for raising of taxes and impositions for Support of the Government, which I humbly intreat may be declared in these words, for Support and maintenance of the Governour and Government because the Assembly would understand the words, only to imply for Maintaining the Government without having any relation to my Subsistence ffor I find these people very criticall in all words and expressions and are ready to take all advan-

tages against the Kings prerogative as they have lately discovered themselves.

There are severall Scotsmen that inhabitt here and are great Interlopers and bring in quantities of goods underhand from Scotland. I desire Mr Attorney General his opinion upon the Act of the 12th of the King ffor Encouraging and Increasing of Shipping and Navigation. Whether a Scotsman born can be permitted to inhabit and trade as a Merchant or ffactor they pretending a right therunto as being born within the Allegiance of Our Sovereign Lord the King, which I humbly conceive Scotsmen are not privileged by that Act to Exercise the trade or occupation of a Merchant or factor in his Majts Plantations Since my arrival here a Scots Vessell was Seized by Mr Randolph and condemned & Sold for 120lb of which Mr Randolph will give yor Lordships a particular account.

As to Mr Masons concerns he expected the people would have turned tenants to him at his first arrival but he now finds the perverse temper of many of them who are influenced by Waldern and Moody whom at my first coming I was so charitable to believe they were better men then now I find them That without a tryall first had upon the place as hath been directed in his Majts Letters to the Bostonrs which these his Stubborn Opposers doe depend upon, before his Majty in Councill can give a finall Judgment against them, and all this is only to gain time I am therefore of opinion that an Order be directed to me to admitt of tryals between him and the Tertenants as in the Boston Colony and then they will come to his terms rather than to be a charge & trouble to defend a bad title, and answer his Appeals in England.

As to other matters relating to the Bostoners I suppose yor Lordships will have an Account from Mr Randolph who is well acquainted with the humour of the people and will give yor Lords the names of fitting persons to be putt into the Commission as a Councill when his Majty shall think fitt to reassume that Government Mr Randolph hath gone thro many difficulties and troubles in his imployment, but that wilbe soon over, if he have the same assistance in other places as I shall be able to give him when I have my Commission of Admiralty enlarged.

The Assembly is now Sitting and I much question whether I shalbe able to dispose them to make any Settlement for my Support, and to defray the Necessary charge of the Government. And therefore I judge it absolutely necessary that his Majty impower myself and the Councill under his Signett and Sign Manuall to raise moneys by Cus-

toms Excise and otherways not exceeding One thousand pound p an and herein the people will acquise.

I am My Lords Yo^r Lordships
Most humble & obedient Servant
Edw. Cranfield.

New Hampshire 10 January 1680. [1683?]

[Addressed] To the Right Honorable the Lords of the Committee of Trade and Plantatons.

[Endorsed] New Hampshire, 10 ffebr R. 10 May. Mr Cranfield Duplicate of his Letter to the Lords Com^ee

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[*Cranfield to Lords of Trade, January* 23, 1683. *Ministers have too much Influence with the People, etc.*]

New Hampshire Papers. Vol. 47.

[January 23, 1682–83.]

Right Honorable

May it please yor Lordships

In my last which went by way of Berbadoes I acquainted yor Lordships, that I perceived such an ill Spiritt in the Assembly that I had no hopes of Disposing them to agree to any Laws that would be satisfactory to yor Lordships, amongst the many other proposals I made to them I recommended this inclosed Bill (it having passed the Councill for the raising a Revenue to Support the Government but all endeavours were rendered ineffectuall by the influence of the Ministers who would Suffer them to pass no Laws but such as were against the methods prescribed by his Maj^ts Commission and would have established Independancy not knowing where those growing evills might terminate I dissolved them upon the 20th Instant this Bill was Judged by all indifferent men to be the most equallest way for raising of money that could be thought of but since they have refused to doe their duty to his Maj^ty in that particular I shall with the consent of the Councill continue the Impositions that have been lately raised upon the Inhabitants as is directed by his Maj^ts Commission which will goe a good way towards the defraying the necessary charges of the Government as it will be now distributed: ffor as it hath been

the constant Custome amongst the Bostoners not only to ease themselves in their Rates and to burthen and charge the poorer Sort of people, so they never failed to give plentifully to each other in authority which methods in proportion were carefully observed in this province, which wilbe now out of Doors here His Maj^{ts} Commission impowering me with the advice and consent of the Councell to dispose and issue out all moneys by my Warrant I shall take care it be done in the most Equall manner that can be which clause will be necessary to be incerted in the Commission when his Maj^{ty} shall think fitt to settle the Massachusets Government. The taxes now raised annually upon the people are high and unequall the ffaction will soon dispose the Assembly to raise a Revenue to defray the charge of the Government rather then have the old taxes continued unless they might have the division of the Surplussage as formerly. This being done and the preachers to be placed and displaced by the Governour I have an humble confidence those people wilbe brought to that duty and obedience as becomes good Subjects without putting his Maj^{ty} to any charge besides the Commission.

When I was in Boston at the request of the Magistrates I writt to my Lord Hide a Letter to introduce their Agents to his Lordship presuming at this time it might be of use to his Maj^{ts} Service they being ordered to tender 2000^{lb} for a pardon though I was certain it would not be accepted yet it was a kind of pleading Guilty

I was sure his Lordship who well knew that the dissolution of that Government was of so great an importance to his Maj^{ts} concerns that One hundred thousand pounds would not make good the loss his Maj^{ty} should sustain in a few years were they tollerated therefore my Letter served only as intelligence how matters stood here, and what I writt in their favour was only in design to insinuate myself into their Councells and I doe find they are all unwilling to be at any further expence in defence of their Charter, if a Quo Warranto should be brought against them knowing themselves to be notorious offenders therefore I dare assure yor Lordships if a Commission with a pardon come they will submitt to Such Regulations as his Maj^{ty} shall think fitt I have sent yor Lordships by a Letter of this date by way of Barbadoes, a duplicate of the Laws I have passed which if yor Lordships please to disallow of it may be a means of having better made for the future in the mean time I govern them by the Laws of England If a letter were writt to me that I might show these people Signifying his Maj^{ts} resenting their want of Duty, it might bring them into a better temper. They are easier to be imposed upon by their Teachers being illiterate then to be taught their duty to his Maj^{ty} but I make no doubt to overcome these difficulties

if I may have a check upon their Ministers so as upon a Just occasion to remove them I am

My Lords Yo^{r} Lordships
Most humble & obedient Servant
Edw Cranfield

New-hampshire 23 January 1682.
By way of Maderas

[Addressed] To the Right Honorable the Lords of the Committee of Trade and plantations.

[Endorsed] R. [received] 10 May.

[*Cranfield to Lords of Trade, March* 27, 1683. *Concerning Edward Gove and Rev. Joshua Moodey. Mr. Barefoote made Deputy-Governor, etc.*]

New Hampshire Papers. Vol. 48, *Pages* 492–3.

From Mr Cranfield to ye Comm^{tee}

Boston March ye 27th 1683.

Right Honble

By mine of the 20th February Last from the Province of New Hampshire, I humbly represented to your Lord^{ps} the occasion progress and as I then hoped the conclusion of the Insurrection made by Gouve and his party. But I have since found new trouble arising for soone after severall persons well wishers to Goves proceedings in a Riotous manner entered my dwelling house and remonstrated against severall things directed in my Commission as Mr Randolph who was present can informe your Lord^{ps} wherupon finding myselfe very uneasy and not seeing where these matters would end I sent Gove with a guard to Boston Gaole to be shipt of for England and made Capt Barefoot my Deputy Govr during my absence and the better to secure the peace of the province I putt out of the Councill Maj^{r} Walderne Mr Martine and Capt Gilman greate Sticklers for the Boston interest . . . and prefered Cap^{n} ffry^{er} and Mr Elliot persons of good Estate to that Service and have here enclosed sent your Lordp^{s} the grounds and reasons of my proceedings with them.

I found Mr Moody and his party so troublesome that I believed myselfe unsafe to continue longer amongst them till I had the con-

tinuance of a ffrigott and full instructions to reduce them to better understanding.

I am come to Boston where I find a great alteration in the mind's and conversation of the people. The Generall Court is now sitting and great endeavours are used by the ffaction to continue the Goverm^t in their hands and to that end they have summoned the Inhabitants of the Colony to meete in their severall Towns on the 13 instant to signe a Paper (a true copy wherof Mr Randolph is ready to present your Lord^ps) They reflected upon such persons who refused to sign as Enemies to their Govm^t However upon my owne knowledge the most Eminent persons for Estate and Some of the considerable freemen did tottally decline to sett their hands to that Address and after all endeavours they were so putt to it for Subscriptions that they Solicited Strangers, and servant Boyes to fill up their Numbers. The settingafoot this Address hath raised such annimosetys amongs^t the people that they are ready to mutinye.

This weeke I had an opportunity to converse with Mr Hincklye Govern^r and Mr Lathrop one of the Magistrates of New Plymouth Colony I find them weake men and very unfitt to be concerned in Goverm^t Its true the Inhabitants are generally low in Estate. But much more unhappy wanting men of ability to direct the affaires of that Colony.

I shall not give your Lord^ps any further trouble referring your Lord^ps to Mr Randolph who has made it his sole business to inspect and understand the method's and proceedings of the Severall Colonys and is able to give your Lord^ps a full and perfect relation of the present distraction which hee hath luckily occasioned in this Government.

Mr Orchard of this Towne hath attended the General Court and desired to make out the matter of fact laid downe in his Petition to his Maj^tie But that would not be granted he pres^t me therupon to take the Affidavits of his Witnesses But I being out of my Goverm^t refused to take cognisence of it so that unless he would bee at the charge to cary his Witnesses to England he is att present in no probability or hopes to recover his cause against this Countrey.

I lately received a letter from the Deputy Govr of New Hampshire intimating that the Councill mett upon the 17, instant and according to Instructions prest that the Receivers of all Publick money Since the 18 of September 1679 should bring in their severall Accounts to be Audited by Mr Blathwayts Deputy which they (being backt by Cap^n Vaughan one of the Councill refused to do under a pretence that such moneys was raised for the use of the Towns, and not for the Support of the Goverm^t which indeed was a trick only to

divert and avoid the discoverye of their oppressions and indirect disposing therof. They also refuse to pay any mony into the Publick Treasury but take upon them to dispose of itt by the hands of their Severall Trustees, and not by my Warrant as is also directed in the Said Instructions which I communicated to the Assembly to the intent that they might also examine the Accounts of moneys etz[a] raised and expended in the Province I find they make itt their whole business to Cavall at what ever is directed in his Maj[ties] Commission or Instructions.

My Lords. The Generall Court here hath been sitting this 7 weeks the Principall matter that hath been under their consideration is whether they should give their Agents any further instructions relating to the Regulacon of their Governm[t] and deliver up the Province of Maine to his Maj[tie] and am told by some of the Deputys that after many sharp debates they have carried itt in the Affirmative, which though Looks dutifull yet is only to gaine time for they have not repealed any one law, nor past one Act tending to his Maj[ties] Sattisfaction so that without compulsion his Maj[tie] may expect no due obedience to his Royall Commands, whatever is pretended to the contrary.

I am My Lords Your Lord[ps]
Most Hum[ble] and most obedient Serv[t]
Edw. Cranfield.

[*Deputy-Governor Barefoote to Lords of the Privy Council. Complains of the Undue Influence of Ministers in Civil Affairs.*]

New Hampshire Papers. Vol. 48, *Pages* 494–5.

[March, 1682–83.]

From Cap[t] Barefoot to y[e] Comm[tee]

Right Houn[rble]

It haveing pleased y[e] houn[rbl] Edward Cranfield Esq[r] Governor of this his Ma[ts] Province of New Hampshire to apoynt mee his Deputy during his Absence in Visiting the Neighbouring Collonies I humbly p[r]sume to lay before Your Lordships a breife State of y[e] Condition of this Province wherin I have binn an inhabitant above five and twenty yeares during w[ch] time I have not onely made my observation upon y[e] humors and Carrige of this people but by the meanes of some

of my neare relations being married into ye wealthiest familyes in this Country I have bin throughly informed of the intregies and designes of the faction and malignant party who managed all publicke affaires here whilest this province was under ye Mashethusets jurisdiction and very unwillingly submitted to a Change of Government wch his Maj^ty by his Royall Commission hath established and although the Massathusets exercise noe authority in this province yet thay influence things as they please there being a strict Confederation between ye ministers and Church Members of this province and those of ye Massathusets Collony who Governe and sway ye people as they please noe pope ever acted wth greater Arrogance then these preachers who enflame the people to their fantastick humors and debauch them from theire duty and obedience to his Majesty and his Lawes and are ever stirring them up to disloyalty and intermedling in all Civill affaires and Censiuring all persons and actions that agree not with theire principles & peevish humors these theire ill proceedings have Given o^r houn^rble Governor much troble and disquiet in his Government they influensing the assembly that no good bills could pass that had any respect for his Maj^etys houn^r and dignity and the good and ease of his Maj^etys subjects So that the Governor was necessitated to dissolve the assembly upon wch followed an insurrection raised by one of the cheife of that assembly which if by the prudence and vigiloncy of his houn^r had not been timely suppressed might have been of dangerous Consequence to this place wherin the preachers have been to busy and unles thes factious teachers are turn'd out of the province there will be disquiets here and without some visible force to keepe these people under it will be a very difficult if not an impossible thing to put in Execution his Maj^etys Commands or ye Lawes of trade & navigation which by the Countenance of one of his Majestys ships in this port would easily be effected this I thought my duty to lett your Lordships know and subscribe myselfe My Lords,

Y^r Most humble and faithfull Servant

Walter Barefoote.

P^rvince of New Hampshire this March 1682–3.

[Addressed] for the Right Hon^rble The Lords of his Maj^ets privy Councell apoynted a Committee for trade and fforeign plantations At Whitehall

[Endorsed] N. Hampshire March 1682–3 From Capt Barefoote to the Comitee Rec^d ye 9th June 1683 Mr Randolph's Dep^t Govr the Massachusets Influence. The assembly disolved Goves Insurrection.

[See Vol. II. p. 459, etc.]

[*Governor Cranfield to Lords of Trade. Various Complaints.*]

New Hampshire Papers. Vol. 48, *Pages* 522–523.

Lre from Mr Cranfield to ye Commttee

Boston June the 19 1683

Right Honble

This being the first oppertunity since Mr Randolphs Departure I thought my self bound in Duty to send duplicates of what went by him. I am sorry that I cannot give assurance of my abillety to serve his Majtie in this Station Without putting him to the expence of a ffrigott att Least for three or foure months while the people of New Hampshire are reduced to a better temper I have made it my endeavours to quiett the Spiritts of those unmamagable creatrs But my condicentns are rendered ineffectuall by the influence of Moody their Teacher, Waldrene & three or foure more who have Long had the Dominion But were those people in the greatest Subjection and obedience to his Majtie that could bee expected, it would bee absolutely necessary for his Majtie to have a ffrigott upon the Coast to prevent to Irregulare trade which the Bearer hereof Mr Barnard Randolph Deputy Collectr comes home with fresh complaints against the Boston Govmt of some I have beene an eye Witness off, for upon a tryall upon the 8 instant with a Jersy man for the Breaches of the Acts of trade wherin hee was cast the Court would not admitt of the 14 of the Kinge, Whereupon hee appeald to the King and the Lord's of his Majts Privy Councell, in case the First Verdict should be allowed off. But the Court gave a flatt denyall notwithstanding hee offered Security to pay cost and charges They have in another case denyed appeales to his Majtie Govr Broadstret did this day thrust Thaires wiffe out of his house and used her ill, because shee desired him to signefie to the Towne of Brantree that they were to send over an Authentick copy of the Deed and to give notice to Savage and Clapp. What plausible and faire promises of Regulacon their Agents may make at Whitehall I know not But their proceedings and practices here are meere contradictions even of their owne Lawes, where it does not answere their interest, I was so charitable to believe since they past an act in the Last generall Court for regulating of trade that it should bee punctually kept it being observable they have a greater regard to their owne Lawes then the Acts of Parliment. But when I came to heare the tryall I was so deceived in my expectations that I found Dantforth the Judge and most of the Magistrates turned Advocates against the King, useing such slight and saucy expressions as are not fitt to repeate. I could say much more but since Mr Bar-

nard Randolph comes home shall referr your Lord^{ps} to him for a further relation in these matters. When the Charter shall bee made void it will necessary to desolve their University of Cambridge for from thence all the severall Colony's in New England are supplyed the people Lookeing upon their Teachers little Less then Apostles, it is incredible what an influence they have over the Vulgar and do make it their business dayly to Excite and stirr them up to Rebellion being profest Enimies to the Kings Govm^{t} and Church it is to bee feared this people will never bee reclaimed untill the Uneversety of England supply these Colonys, the not nipping them in the budd may prove of great inconveniences; By takeing away their Uneversity (which will also be forfited with their Charter) the Effect will cease, for all other waies will bee ineffectuall the fountaine being impure.

My Lord's I shall with all humility persevere and waite while I heare from your Lord^{ps} But as things are circumstanced I am capable of doeing his Maj^{tie} but little Service for the Bostoners Principalls in matter of Govm^{t} debauches all the Neighbouring Colonys I presume Mr Randolph has before this fully sattisfied your Lord^{ps} therewith. I have sent another exemplification of Goves tryall by Mr Randolph's Bror: who has beene so ill treated in the Execution of his place that hee is compelled to quitt the Kings service. What encouragement their Agents have given them I know not But the ffaction are more insolent then they were before the London Ship arrived. But having writt so fully in my former letters both concerning this Colony and New Hampsh^{r} shall forbeare to inlarge any further Right Honble I am

Your Lord^{ps} most humble and most obedient Servant

Edw Cranfield

Lord's Comiss^{rs} for trade

[Addressed] To the Right Honble the Lords of the Committee of Trade and foraigne Plantations Whitehall read 17th August 83.

[P. 150.]

[*Cranfield to Secretary of State*, 1683. *Concerning Harvard College, etc.*]

New Hampshire Papers. Vol. 47.

Boston June 19th 1683.

Right Honble

My last Letter unto your Hon^{r} was by Mr Randolph Since whose Departure I have spent my time in the Colony on purpose to pry

into the intregues and politicks of the Govm^{t} the better to enable me to serve his Maj^{tie} by giving an account of the disposition and carriage of the people among other things I have observed, That there can be no greater evill attend his Maj^{tie} affaires here, then those pernicious and Rebellious principles which flows from their Collige at Cambridge which they call their University from whence all the Townes both in this and the other Colonys are supplyed with ffactious and Seditious Preachers who stirr up the people to a dislike of his Maj^{tie} and his Govm^{t} and the Religion of the Church of England terming the Liturgy of our Church precident of Superstition and picked out of the Popish Dunghill so that I am humbly of opinion this Country can never bee well settled or the people become good Subjects, till their preachers bee reformed and that Colledge suppressed and the severall Churches supplyed with Learned and Orthodox Ministers from England as all other his Maj^{tis} Dominions in America are.

The Country growes very populous and if Longer left ungoverned or in that manner as now they are I feare it may bee of dangerous consequence to his Ma^{ts} concerns, in this Part of the World. What incouragement their Agents have had in England I know not but since the arrivall of the Last Ship from London these disloyall Magistrates are growne more insolent then before in abuseing his Maj^{ty} Officers in the Execution of their Office and no Justice can bee had of them the Judges and Magistrates openly upon the Bench being Advocates against the King and denying appeales to his Maj^{tie} So that Mr Randolphs Bro^{r} who was left here his Deputy not being able to serve his Maj^{tie} (as things now are managed here, being dayly affronted and abused as I have been an Eye Witness off,) goes to England to make his complaints to your Hono^{r} and Lord's of the Treasury.

If the Boston Charter were made void and the Cheif of the ffaction called to answer in their owne persons for their misdemenors and their Teachers restrained from Seditious preaching it would give great encouragement to the Loyall Party, to shew themselves, who have hetherto beene kept under and greatly oppressed and from all places of proffitt and trust.

Your Hon^{r} may be assured of this that if there Agents in Eng^{d} had power given them to agree to such regulacons as his Maj^{tie} should think fitt, yet such is the insincerity of those now in power that they would never keepe ffaith with his Maj^{tie} as is demonstrable by the proceedings in the Law they made in ffeburary last for the observation of Trade and Navigation and doe now openly act against it, I doubt not but your Hon^{r} hath been fully informed of these matters by Mr Randolph but myselfe haveing beene Wittness of these things I thought it my duty to give your Hon^{r} an acc^{t} thereof.

I am this day returning to the Province of New Hampshire haveing finished the dispatches that goes by this ship, the people in that Province still continue in a Stubburne humour being influenced from hence, Upon the appearing of a ffrigott in their Port they may be brought into a Better temper though it should stay but a Short time they having a notion that his Maj^{tie} will be at no such expence which makes them so turbulent.

I humbly pray your Hon^{r} to procure an order that I may have Leave to goe for England or to some other of his Maj^{ty} plantations to stay for three or foure months if I find my self indisposed the next winter through the Sharpness of the Weather haveing some indisposition by the reason of the last Winter this cold climate not agreeing with my thinn constetution which will be a greate addition to your former favours and shall ever bee acknowledged by

Your Hon^{rs} most humble and
most obedient Servant
Edw. Cranfield.

S^{r} Ly Jenkins

[Addressed] To the Right Honble Sr Lyonell Jenkinns his Maj^{tis} Princip^{l} Secry of State Whitehall.

[Endorsed] Mr Cranfield from Boston 19th June 1683, to Mr Sec^{ry} Jenkins Read to ye Lords 17th August 1683.

[P. 145.]

[*Cranfield to Lords of Trade and Plantations. Concerning Mason, Resistance to Laws, Vacancy in Council, etc. November,* 1683.]

New Hampshire Papers. Vol. 48, *Pages* 574–5.

New Hampshire Novemb the 15th 1683.

From Mr Cranfield to ye Comm^{tees} touching Mr Mason's proceedings & desiring leave to go to Barbados.

May it please yor Lordps.

By Mr Wharton I have given yor Lordps an Account of all occurrences to that time, but since ye Arrival of a Ship from London, who brought Newes of Goves being pardoned, which has had an ill effect among these Disingenious People, as appeares by ye prosecution of Mr Masons concernes who has waited a twelve-month wth patience for a compliance upon those conditions laid downe in his Ma^{ts} Royal Comission, but none or very few accepting of those tearmes, he

brought his Actions agst most of the Principals & obtained Judgm^{t} agst Thirty or ffourty of them, since which they have had several Meetings & consultations & their result is, to oppose the Provost Marshal or such others as shall goe about to serve the Executions on them, and upon the Serving of one, opposition was made by the People in the house, who threatened to kill & destroy with Gunpowder, Scalding water & red hot spits any that should endeavour to force the doores, so the Officers were forced to desist from Executing the Law at that time, wherupon Mr Mason desired the Posse Comitatus but I thought it not convenient, fearing it might bring blood & confusion among us being incited & Stir'd up by Mr Moody Major Waldron, & Capt Vaughan, the last of whom I have turn'd out from being of the Councell upon his indecent carriage & dangerous words spoken by him in whose room I have put Mr Randolph, Capt Daniel is since dead, the Councell now consisting but of Six, & who to recomend to fill that vacancy either for Loyalty & parts I cannot tell. I presume to give yor Lordships my most humble thanks for yor great goodness to me in procuring leave of his Maj^{ty} for my going this winter to Barbados, but the Season continuing yet moderate, shall endeavour to attend his Maj^{ts} Service in this Province having no more to trouble Yo^{r} Lordships with only beg leave to Subscribe myself.

May it please yor Lordps

Yo^{r} Lordps most humble and most obedient Servant,

Edw Cranfield

[Addressed] ffor the Right Honble the Lords of the Committee for Trade & fforraign Plantations in Whitehall.

Rec^{d} 29 Febry Read 11 June 84.

[*Cranfield to Lords of Trade, January,* 1684. *Advises that Officers shall be Churchmen. Concerning Mason's Claim, and Weare's Visit to England.*]

New Hampshire Papers. Vol. 48, *Pages* 586-7.

New Hampshire, January 16th 1683. From Mr Cranfield to ye Comm^{tee} Touching ye Assembly.

May it please yor Lordps.

Since my last to yor Lordps, By the advice of the Councell, I called an Assembly, which convened on the 14th instant they being of

opinion that time had given them oppertunity to see ye Errors & Omissions of the last Assembly, but instead of finding them answerable to Expectation they have refused to raise any mony to support the Hon^r^ of his Maj^ts^ Governm^t^ without giving any reason for it or to agree to any lawes, but what were repugnant to the laws of England, wherupon I disolved them without having one bill pass. Nor was it reasonable to expect they should agree to any being under Guardianship of Moody the Minister & Coll Waldron (whose Son was Speaker to both Assemblies) and all declared Enimies to Church and State therfore tis no wonder that both Assemblies have been so backward in Supporting the Hon^r^ of his Maj^ts^ Governm^t^ for notwithstanding the place of convention was remote from their habitations, they all went to advise & consult with them, they absolutely refused to pass this enclosed & other good Bills. The experience I have had in this small Governm^t^ plainly discovers no true obedience nor good can be expected upon ye Regulation of the Massachusets Colony, if the Assembly men or other persons in publick trust doe consist of the Congregated Church Members the Ministers giving it as doctrine, that the Oath of Supremacy & all other Oaths that are not approved of by the Ministers & Elders of their Churches are unlawful in themselves, therfore tis my humble opinion, that it will be absolutely necessary to admit no person into any place of Trust, but such as take ye Sacrament & are conformable to the Rites of the Church of England, for others will be so influenced by their Ministers, as will obstruct the good Settlement of this place, & I utterly dispair (as I writt in my former to yor Lordps) of any true duty & obedience paid to his Maj^ty^ untill their Colledge be supprest and their Ministers silenced, for they are not only Enimies to his Maj^ty^ & Government, but Christ himself, for of all the Inhabitants of this Province being about ffour Thousand in number, not above Three Hundred Christned by reason of their Parents not being Members of their Church. I have been this 16 Months perswading the Ministers to admitt all to the Sacrament & Baptisme, that were not vitious in their lives but could not prevaile upon them, therfore with advice of the Councell made this inclosed Order. Notwithstanding they were left in the intire possession of their Churches & only required to administer both Sacraments, according to the Liturgie of ye Church of England, to such as desired them, which they refuse to doe, & will understand Liberty of Conscience given in his Maj^ts^ Commission, not only to exempt them from giving the Sacrament according to the Book of Comon Prayer but make all the Inhabitants contribute to their Maintenance, although they refuse to give them the Sacrament & Christen their Children, if it be not absolutely enjoyned here, & in other colo-

nies, that both Sacraments be administered to all persons that are duly qualified, according to the form of the Comon Prayer there will be perpetual dissentions, & a totall decay of the Christian Religion.

Mr Wyer one of the former Assembly went away privately from hence for England, having first collected a Sum of mony to carry on his own & Parties concerns there against Mr Mason & I doe not at all wonder they should imploy him as being not only a violent man against Mr Masons interest, but one with several others that were privy to the Treason of Gove, but were too powerfull for me to cope with here, unless I had had Strength to countenance my proceedings. As for Mr Wyer I think the inclosed Affadavits will sufficiently make out his knowledge of the Conspiracy. There are Several other affadavits to make out, that Moody the Minister, Capt Vaughan & Martin were in Goves design, but none but Wyer coming for England I did not conceiv it necessary to trouble yor Lordps with those that concernes Moody, Vaughan, & Martin, but the matter that is sworne against them is this. That two days before Goves being in Armes, he had been with them & communicated his designe of taking the Governmt out of my hands & to kill myself, Mr Mason & his two Sons, Capt Barefoot, Mr Chamberlain & all the other Rogues (as he term'd them) that were of the Church of England, and that he had assurance from all the Towns, that there would not be above 16 or 17 men that would not stand by him, & they would not meddle on any side whereupon Gove said they rejoyced at the good newes, as if they had been men risen from the dead. If Gove be examined upon this, & his consultation with Wyer, he will confirme these words that he declared at Dover. After this Capt Vaughan took him home to his house, where he lodged the night before he was in Arms, for this reason and making reflections upon his Majty & Councill for bringing the Quo Warranto agst the Bostoners & saying publickly in Councill, that they had not deserved such a severe prosecution, & opposing all good Orders, that were for his Majts honour I thought fitt to dismiss him the Councill.

When this Government was in the hands of Coll Waldron, Mr Wyer was one then in nomination to yor Lordps, & recomended by him to supply a vacancy of the Councill, he being a violent & Zealous man of their Party, therefore looked upon by them the fittest percon to be sent over to make some plausible complaints to yor Lordps about the prosecution of Mr Masons Title, whatever he may pretend these inclosed Papers will show Mr Masons patience & forbearence before he began a Suit with any of them, & the cautiousness of the Courts proceedings. Twas twelve months before any Suit was commenced & after Judgment obtained, (as will appear by this inclosed

Declaration) finding they did not appeale he put it to their choise, either to have a hearing before his Maj^{ty} & Yo^{r} Lordps or come to a new Tryal in any of his Maj^{ts} Courts in Westminster Hall, which they declined, & by the advice of Moody & the ffaction of Boston (who have gott possession of a good part of this Province) have taken other measures, then what his Maj^{ts} Royal Commission doth direct. I doubt not but these inclosed Papers will satisfie yor Lordps that the Judical proceedings had in Mr Masons case, are no more to be expected agst then his Title. I know not what Representations Mr Wyre may make, but it is my happiness, & all those that serve his Maj^{ty} under me, to stand and fall by yor Lordps Justice and ffavour.

I have received his Maj^{ts} Letter to pardon those that Judgment was respited agst and accordingly I have pardoned all but young Gove, and one of Wadleighs Sons who have carried themselves very indecently, as indeed has the whole Province, which is demonstrable by their choosing the same Assembly & going on in their old methods, these two I keep in Prison to terrifie the rest, for I find all favour & clemency showed to these disingenious People, is abused and ill use made of it.

I have been so full in other matters in my former Letters, that I shall not trouble yor Lordps further at present only acquaint Yo^{r} Lordps that it is a good opportunity for the sending of Ministers for the four Townes, wth an Order, that the Inhabitants shall pay what they paid to their other Ministers, who have left their Benefices, because they will not give to any the Sacrament & Baptisme according to the prescribed forme of the Book of Comon Prayer, and for their Encouragement some Spiritual promotion may be kept in Commendam, that after two or three years they may be releived. All which is most humbly submitted to yor Lordps wisedomes by May it please yor Lordps

Yo^{r} Lordps most humble and obedient Servant

Edw. Cranfield.

[Addressed] To the Right Honble the Lords the Committee for Trade &c.

[Endorsed] Rec^{d} May 13 : 84 Read 11 June 84 &c

[*Cranfield to Secretary of State. Concerning Edward Gove. February*, 1684, *N. S.*]

New Hampshire Papers. Vol. 47.

Portsmouth in New England ffebruary the 20th 1683.

Right Honble

I send your Honr upon the Ship Richard of Boston under Mr Randolphs care Edwin Gove an Assembly man who served for the Towne of Hampton One whom this Countrey has condemned to dye for raiseing a Rebellion in this Province as appears by the Account of his Tryall, signed by Majr Walderne then Judge of the Court. I intended his Execution upon the place for terrour to the whole party who are still mutinous if my Commission would have warranted it besides him nine other persons were taken, and upon tryall were convict. But their condemnation is respited haveing taken sufficient security for their appearence there being no Goal in the Province fitt to secure them till his Majts pleasure bee knowne therein. And as to Gove I can not with safety to myselfe or the peace of the Country keep him longer in Custody for besides the greate and dayly charge of Guard's upon him, I have cause to feare the Souldiers in time may bee remiss or overpowered and so Gove sett att Liberty Besides by my Commission I am directed to send Rebells to England, where if Gove Escape the Sentence of the Law there is an end of his Majty business in New England.

I was soon made sensible the Lark ffrigott which brought me over to this Province was gon to Sea, for att the second meeting of the Assembly in January Last they begann to dispute my Commission and power, I Recomended to them severall good bills agreed upon first by their Councill but instead of passing them, they offered bills repugnant to the Laws of England which I rejected & finding them tryfling away the time in makeing of partys, I was necessitated to dissolve them.

I took a Journey to Boston and other places in that Colony makeing it my business to feele their temper, I found amongst them a prevailing faction against his Majtis Interest what ever for present time may bee pretended and upon good ground's believe that should his Royall Highness survieve his Majtie Such is their Generall Aversion incouraged & buoyed up by the Nonconformst Party in England that at once they will fall off from their Allegiance to the Crowne

it is therefore very necessary that the whole Country be brought to a thorough Regulation being all armed by the Quo Warr^to^ brought against their Charter. Its also equally necessary that his Maj^tie^ Send a ffrigott, to attend till such a Regulation bee compleated by putting the Govm^t^ together with the Militia, Castles and fforts into hands of Loyall and Honest Gent^n^ and the ffaction made incapable ever after of altering or Disturbing that Govm^t^

I heare its designed to petition his Maj^tie^ for Goves life and that to bee managed by the messeng^rs^ from Boston, if so t'will further appeare to me that Gove had incouragement from thence, haveing beene just before the Session of our Assembly att Boston, and I cannot but observe to your Hon^rs^ that Maj^r^ Pike one of the Magistrates and of the ffaction in Boston Govm^t^ came to me the night before Goves tryall, with severall Depositions to Certefie that Gove was a distracted man hopeing by that means to avoid his prosecution.

The Ministers in New England are generally more absolute and independent in Practise then in their Principalls they intermedle in all matters of Govm^t^ The People are stirred up and composed according as they are influenced by the Teachers. I found some of them scrupling to preach upon the 30: January which by Proclamation I have ordered Annually to bee observed in this Collony. I did also propose to the Ministers as an Essentiall part of their Office the Baptizing of Children and administering the Sacrament which Gove att his Tryall did object against as a high crime and innovation, I am forced to keepe the Militia in Arms till Gove bee Shipt off, and shall endeavour to keepe his Maj^ties^ Peace, But I make it my humble request to his Maj^tie^ that Mr Randolph who understands well his Maj^ty^ interest, and the humour of the People and hath beene usefull to me since my arrivall may bee dispatcht back hither with full instructions and the countenance of a ffrigott, to attend orders otherwise I can promise to his Maj^tie^ but little Success in the matters I have in charge.

Mr Randolph hath been very Diligent and made five Journey's in the Extremety of weathcr from Boston above 70 miles distance from hence and now being order'd to attend att Whitehall, takes upon him the trouble and charge of Goves transport, which I could by no means propose to bee advanced to him, out of the Stock of this Province in regard of the exstryordinary expence occasioned to the inhabitants by Goves insurrection Neither shall I adventure to call another Assembly till I heare effectually from England. I therefore intreat that the charges of Goves passage of others that attend him may bee allowed to Mr Randolph haveing passed my word that the Master,

shall be paid att his arrivall in England with the presentment of my most humble duty, I am R^{t} Honble

Your Most humble and obedient Servant

Edw. Cranfield.

[Addressed] To the Right Honble Sr Lyonell Jenkins His Maj^{tis} Principall Secr of State.

[See statement relative to Gove in Vol. II. p. 461. — Ed.]

[*Cranfield to Lords of Trade, relative to the Eastern Indians. Recommends the Establishment of the Church.*]

New Hampshire Papers. Vol. 48, *Pages* 608–9.

From Mr Cranfield to ye Comm^{tee}

New Hampshire 14th May 1684.

May it Please yor Ldsh^{pps}

Since my last to yor Lodsh^{pps} by way of Barbados the Indians to the Eastward in the Province of Mayne have bin very disorderly and given out threatning Speeches that they intend to kill the English and burn their houses wch occasioned great feares in Our and the Neighbouring Colonys that they would make a Warr upon us and them again as will appear by these inclosed Letters. Whereupon I writt to the Governors of the Severall Colonys to desire them that they would send to the principal Leaders of the Indians wch are called Sagamores to know the reason of their giving out such threatning speeches and withall to desire them that if the English had done them any wrong they should give y^{m} all due Sattisfaction and to use all possible wayes to preserve Amity and peace wth them wch I hope hath bin done in the other Colonys as well as our own for we have a right and good understanding wth the Indians inhabiting amoung us. Notwithstanding wch the Goverment of the Massatheusetts and myselfe and Councell did think fitt to Solicitt Coll Dongan for the assistance of the Moquans and some of the Sutherne Indians (they being best acquainted wth their sculking way of fighting and always having War wth them) in case of a War Mr Dudley and Mr Shrimpton being sent by the Boston^{rs} I went myselfe to Solicitt that affaire where I found a ready complyance from Coll Dongan to what was dissired in order to the preservation of his Maj^{ty} Subjects in case they

fall upon us, but I hope all will blow over and a peace continue, and altho it behoves all the Colonys to dissire peace, yet more concernes us to pray for it not having two pence in the Treasury nor one farthing given since my arrivall notwithstanding I have earnestly prest it in two Assemblys that the Honor of His Ma^{ts} Goverment might be Supported but by the influence of Mr Moody Vaughan Waldron and Elliott whome I lately recomended to yor Ldsh^{pps} as a fitt person to Serve his Matie but was much mistaken as I was of some others whose outside I only saw when I first came here itt being their way to use arts to insinuate themselves only to gett a better oppertunity to discompose his Ma^{ty} Service therefore was necessitated to suspend him whilst yor Ldsh^{pps} pleasure is known in itt he not only discovering the Secrets of the Council but disturbing the proceedings thereof especially in matters of Navigation he being a great owner of Shipps. These reasons wth the Advice of the Councell necessitated me to suspend him, and doe recomend to yor Ldsh^{pps} for confirmation Mr Francis Champernoon and Mr James Sherlock M^{r} fryer being gone to live in the other Province the number doth not exceed Seven.

May itt Please yor Ldsh^{pps} I have in my last bin soe large touching the misdemeanors of the Ministers and their adhearents that I shall forbeare adding much on that subject.

But cannot omitt giving yor Ldsh^{pps} an accompt of what an insolent speech was made by Mr Mather the Minister of the North Church in Boston and Mr Nowell one of the Magistates against his Matie Graciouse Declaration sent here concerning the Co Warranto att a Towne meeting telling the people that their inheritence that God had given them was like to be taken away as Naboth Viniard was, and excited them to take arms to defend itt putting them in mind that David chose when he had Sinned rather to fall in the hands of God then men. Also that a Minister neare Boston on the 20th of the last month in the afternoone declared that Hugh Peeters was unlawfully putt to death and died a Martyr the same Spiritt remayning amongst the People of our Province there being lately affidavits of Speeches that are given out, that the King knows nothing of Mr Masons and my coming hither, but were sent by the Duke of Yorke and called Mr Mason and myselfe Doggs and Rouges for acting by such a power. Such virulent and malicious speeches of the Ministers poyson the Ignorant people and while they are suffred to preach no true Alleigiance will be found in these parts.

May itt please yor Ldsh^{pps} Mr Randolphs Brother whom he left his Deputy is dead great quantitys of Canary Wine and french comoditys being more plentifull in Boston then ever as observed by myselfe in my returne from New Yorke itt is absolutely necessary for his Ma^{ts} service to have that vacancy Supplyed.

May it Please yor Ldsp^{pps} it is my humble opinion that the Church of England be Established and these Silenced and the mayntenance upon the regulation both of Officers and Ministers, wholy to depend upon his Matie which can be no better wayes done, without burthening the Crowne then by contineuing the Taxes Customs Excise and other Impositions wch thay have made.

I doe confidently assure yor Ldsh^{pps} itt will be a worke of great tyme before they be brought to it by Assemblys there is such a canker amongst the generality of the people. These considerations I must referr to yor Ldsh^{pps} wisdome and wholy thro my Selfe att yor feet for yor pardon for all presumtions itt proceeding from a Sincere hart to his Ma^{ts} Service and my Duty to yor Ldsh^{pps} soe beg leave to Subscribe my Selfe May it Please yor Lordshipps

Yo^{r} Ldsh^{pps} most humble and obedient Servant

Edw. Cranfield.

[Addressed] To the Right Honble the Lords of the Committee for Trade and foreign Plantations, Att Whitehall.

Rec^{d} ye 13 Aug 84 Read 29 Nov. 84 &c.

[*Cranfield to Secretary of State, May,* 1684. *Concerning Piracy, etc.*]

New Hampshire Papers. Vol. 48, *Pages* 610–11.

Lre from Mr Cranfield to Sr Leelin Jenkins.

New Hampshire 14th May 1684.

May it Please Yo^{r} Hon^{r}

I have received yor Hon^{rs} Packet, wth the Draught of the Jamaca Act for the restraining of Pirats and Privateers these and all other his Ma^{ts} Royall Commands, shall be carefully observed on my part: Piracy is a crime so odiouse that the offenders are not to be admitted to the benefit of their Clergy, and where it is attended wth murder its most detestable and ought to have the greatest punishment inflicted. I wish some in Boston that are in Authority have not to much overlookt the Punishment of divers Privateers who have lately frequented that Port are Suspected to be guilty of both, for I have bin told, the Privateer that made Depredation upon the Spaniards at Laverdecreuz were so cruell and Barberouse to severall Women and Inocent Children, as to put them upon an Island where they lett them Starve

because their Husbands and fathers would not ransome them, who indeed were not able of wch they boasted and gloryed at Boston as I was informed by Mr Stephen Wesendouke a Wine Cooper who told me he heard Severall Privateers publickly discourse of their Adventures and manner of crueltyes done to the Spaniard lately.

The inclosed (to the Right Honble the Lords of the Committee) is an accompt of what hath passed since my last; under yor Honors cover by way of Barbados the Ship being said to be ready to Saile from Boston have not tyme to enlarge only to let yor Hon^r^ know it is reported here that Mr Dudley Mr Browne and Mr Gidney late Magistrates are left out this last Election for their being Loyaler than the rest, and Mr Stoughton and Maj^r^ Saltistone refused to act notwithstanding they were chosen.

I am in all duty Yo^r^ Hon^rs^
Most obedient and most humble Servant
Edw. Cranfield.

Unless yor Hon^rs^ favour and the Lords of the Committee is Showne to me in some other Imployment I am absolutely ruin'd for in the discharge of my Duty in this Govrm^t^ I have expended all the money I sould my place for att Whitehall, which is all that I had in the World.

[Addressed] To the Right Honble Sr Lionel Jenkins one of His Ma^ty^ Principall Secretaryes of State. At Whitehall.

R. 12 Augt Presented 30 Sept.: 84.

[*Cranfield to Lords of Trade, January*, 1685. *Expresses his Pleasure at being relieved from the Office of Governor.*]

New Hampshire Papers. Vol. 48, *Pages* 640–41.

From Mr Cranfield to ye Comm^tee^

New Hampshire Jan^ry^ 6th 1684.

May itt please yor Ldsh^ps^

Since my last to yor Ldsh^ps^ here are higher and greater comotions and disturbances comitted in this Province and greater insolency's and affronts Offered to my Selfe and His Ma^ts^ Officers then ever hath been since my coming to the Goverm^t^ as will appear by the inclosed affidavits. And have bin stirred up by Letters from Nathaniell Wear and improved here by Waldron, Gilman, and Vaughan who is lately gone for England to make further complaints a Councel

having been frequently held by some of the above named persons att Major Pikes A Magistrate of the Massachusetts Colony bordering upon this Province to wch place all the illmen dayly resort for advice from hence many of the *Towne of Hampton and Exeter have signed a Paper to submit to nothing but what they themselves shall Judg to be Law* wch yet I can not get a sight of. And altho they doe by their Petitions and their Agents give great assurances att Whitehall of their Loyalty Duty and affections to His Ma^{ts} Person and Goverment, they doe at the same tyme here beat and abuse His Ma^{ts} Justices of Peace and Marshalls to such a degree that they are afraid to execute their office and for that reason severall have flung up their Comissions. I have prevailed wth Mr Robert Wadleigh who was lately before yor Ldsh^{ps} to accept of a Comission for the Peace, and also called him into the Council the number being under Seaven he having shewed himselfe since his returne from England well affected to His Ma^{ty} Service therefore do presume to recomend him to yor Ldsh^{ps} favor.

My Lords I have troubled yor Ldsh^{ps} eares wth so many complaints of this kind that I shall forbear mentioning any other perticulars.

I esteeme it the greatest happiness that ever I had in my life that yor Ldsh^{ps} have given me an oppertunity to remove from these unreasonable people, and the rather that yor Ldsh^{ps} and the World may see itt is those things injoyed in His Ma^{ts} Comission they cavil at, and not my Person, and time will show that no man shall be acceptable to them that putts His Ma^{ty} Comands in Execution.

The order of lycence for my remove coming soe late that all the Shipps belonging to this River that use the West India Trade are departed hence, but I hope in a Short time to get a passage from Boston for Barbadoes or Jamaca, where I shall be ready to receive yor Ldsh^{ps} further comands, but I humbly beseech yor Ldsh^{ps} not to order my return to these parts, for I have neither health nor those happy Ability's to serve His Ma^{ty} here soe well as the necessity of his affaires at this Juncture of tyme doth require, all wch is most humbley Submitted to yor Ldsh^{ps} wisdome and goodness to dispose of me as yor Ldsh^{ps} shall think fitt

I am in all humility May itt please Yo^{r} Ldsh^{ps}
Yo^{r} Ldsh^{ps} Most Obedient Servant
Edw. Cranfield.

To the Lords of the Comittee &c.

[Addressed] To the Right Honble the Lords of the Comittee for Trad and fforeign Plantacon att the Councill Chamber In Whitehall.

[Endorsed] Rec^{d} ye 22 April via Rh^{d} Islands 1685. Read 15 July 85.

[See Vol. II. p. 491, etc.]

New England Papers. Vol. 45, *Page* 293.

[Abstract only.]

Relating to Boston Castle Island & Charlestown.

An Account taken of Ordnance Carridges Pouder and other Amunition found in His Maties Teritorys of New England December Anno Dom 1686

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Great Island alias Portsmouth in Piscataqua.

Ordanance.

(1) D Culvering [Demi-culverin]	4	
Saker [Piece of artillery]	4	
Minion [Cannon with $3\frac{1}{2}$ inch bore]	2	
(2) Chambers	1	

All old and hony Comb Carridges all decayed.

Musketts

Firelocks	2	
Match Locks	2	
Rammers & Spunges	3	
Wadd hookes	1	
Laddles	1	
Shott	13	pound
Barrells of Pouder	$1\frac{1}{2}$	

The Platforme & Fort Decayed.

[Endorsed] N. England 1686. Rec^d^ 18 May 87.

(1) A long cannon. (2) A small piece of ordnance which stands erect on its breech, for firing salutes. —*Worcester*.

[COPIES FROM MISCELLANEOUS PROVINCE AND STATE PAPERS.

In Volume I., Miscellaneous Manuscripts of the New Hampshire Historical Society, pp. 3 and 4, is a copy certified by Edward Rawson secretary, of the committee's report on the division of the Squamscott patent, May 14, 1656. It is essentially the same as printed in Vol. I., Provincial Papers, p. 221, except in the construction of some of the sentences, and the orthography of some of the names. In the manuscript the name is Quamscott, in the print Swamscott. Where the name of the river is given as Pascataquack in the print, it is Piscataquack in the manuscript. Winicott in print, is Winicunnet, and Winnicahannatt is Winnichannatt. — Ed.]

[The references on the following documents are to the manuscript volumes in the office of the secretary of state, entitled Miscellaneous Province and State Papers. The papers are arranged chronologically in volumes prepared for that purpose, and have not been heretofore printed. By advice of a committee of the honorable Council, appointed by His Excellency Charles H. Sawyer, they are hereby made accessible to historians and the people generally, by whom we are sure they will be appreciated. — Ed.]

[Vol. 1, p. 3.]

[*Imperfect Minutes relating to Land in Lamper-eel River Neck*, 1675.]

From Stich'd book N° 1 Call'd ye burnt book

Sold to Lieut Peter Coffin all the Town Right In Lamper-Eel River Neck both Land and timber from the head of John Goddars Creek so far as the tide flows upon a strait Line to the Cove at high water mark below Lamper-Eel River fall where Mr Hills works stood for the sum of one hundred and fifty Pound and upon the said Coffins procuring the said Waldrons note for so much accepted In

part of what the Town doth owe him that then the Selectmen shall Confirm to the said Coffin or his order the Neck of Land

From Stich'd Book N° 1 Called the Burnt Book

Whereas the Neck of Land between Lamper-Eel River and Goddards Creek was sold to Lieut Peter Coffin with all the accommodations of town Right to the same to him or his order for a hundred and fifty pounds paid on Capt Richard Waldrons note to Discount so much with him for the said Land as by Record Bearing the Twenty six of April In the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred seventy and five may appear — now know ye that the said Peter Coffin doth make over the said Neck of Land with all Towns Rights to the same which the said Coffin bought of the Town unto the said Capt Richard Waldron, his heirs and assigns forever & whereas the Select men upon the Discounting of one hundred & fifty pounds Due to Capt Richard Waldron from the town of Dover Due in the Behalf of the towns assign and set over and Grant unto the said Richard Waldron his heirs & assigns forever the above said Neck of land with all Rights and Privileges Belonging to the Town upon the said Neck at the time of the sale thereof — as witness our hands this 25 of June 1675

Job Clements
Peter Coffin
Anthony Nutter } Select men [of Dover]

[1–4] [*Petition of Mary Musset and Martha More*, 1680.]

The humble Petitions of Mary Musset & Martha More the Grandchildren of Thomas Walford Senr deceased, to ye Honoured Councel now sitting at Portsmouth in ye Province of New-Hampshire, this 8th of March 1680.

Humbly sheweth, That your Honours would please to take into yor consideration and give order for ye disposing of ye estate of abovesaid Thomas Walford Senr; which was given by him to his grandchild Thomas Walford Junr our brother, who was suddenly taken away by death, not disposing ye same. In which estate we conceiv ourselves to have a share, but know not how to acquire ye same.

Therefore do humbly fly to your fatherly Patronage, that your Honours would please to yield us relief therein & prescribe a way for the obtaining of the same. We your Petitioners heard our Grand-

father Walford say in time of his life, that he gave abovesaid estate to our brother Walford, as desirous that he should bear up his name; and therefore conceiv, that he bearing such fatherly love to our brother, was not unwilling, that when our brother should leav ye estate his nearest kinred should succeed in it. We again & again therefore humbly sue to your Honours, to mind us in our streights, and redress what wrong may oppress us with all.

wherein we shal be yet farther obliged to pray for yor Honours prosperity, who remain

yor Hon^{rs} humble Petitioners

Mary Musset. Martha More.

[1-4] [*Petition of Jeremiah Walford*, 1680.]

The Humble Peticon of Jeremiah Walford to the Honoured Council now sitting at Portsmouth in the Province of New-Hampshir March ye 1^{t} 1680,

Humbly craveth yor Honours, to take into considerations, and yield him redress in his present exigency. your Petitioners Grandfather Thomas Walford left him & his brother Thomas Walford deceased a bequeath of land, & made Mr Henry Sherborn & Mr Richard Tucker exec'ts, to see the performing of his will, the greatest part of which estate hath bin ever since in said execut^{rs} hands, and not made use on to the benefit of them, to whom it was bequeathed.

yor Peticon^{r}s father in law John Amazeen being his guardian, hath moved from Court to Court for redress therein: which is not yet accomplished. Therefore yor Peticon^{r} being of age, hath essayed to supplicate this Honoured Councel, to take cognisance of ye same, & grant him relief for the recovery of ye said estate; Namely yor Peticon^{r}s and Thomas Walford his brother deceased, to whose estate yor Peticon^{r} apprehends himself to be the right heir, ffor which your humble Peticon^{r} shal be yet further obliged to pray for your Honours prosperity.

Yo^{r} humble Peticon^{r}

Jerem: Walford.

Vera copia from ye Councel book Teste

Ric^{d} Chamberlayn Secr.

[Thomas Walford, Sr., was one of the men sent over by John Mason, probably in the year 1631. He was one of the church wardens in Portsmouth in 1640, according to the historian Hubbard. — Ed.]

[1–7]

[This is a petition from Stephen Jones, dated Portsmouth, March "Prim° 1680–81," asking that a fine of ten pounds, which had been imposed upon him on account of some trouble between him and Philip Chesley, might be remitted. The Council remitted one half of it. — ED.]

[1–8] [*Robert Wadleigh's Petition*, 1681.]

To the Honored president and Councill now sitting in Portsmouth this 9th of March 1680–1

The Humble petition of Robard Wadleigh Humbly Shewith that there being a fine or mult imposed upon myselve by your Honours in June last past for some inconsidered words spoken by your petitioner that might tend to the disparigment of his majesties Authoritie constituted in this province for the which words I am Hartily sorry for and hope that God will help me for time to come to have a more speaciall care of my words and ways that I may give no occation of any offence either to God or man it not being my intent then to speak against Authoritie though the words then spoken might have Attendance that way now the earnest request of your poor petitioner is that your Honors would be pleased if you think meet to remit the sayd fine; it being very hard with me and my family by reason of the great Losses I have sustained by Reason of the late ware; but I shall Leave it to your Honors Consideration, and desireing the Blessing of God to be with you which shall be the prayer of your poor petitioner

[Signature cut out.]

In answer to this Peticon ye Councel doth order yt ye Peticonr shall be reimbursed ye sum which he has paid for ye abovesaid fine out of ye next Province Rate.

Mar: 9th 1680–1 Per Cur R: Chamberlain Secr est.

[1–9] [*Edward Colcord's Petition*, 1681.]

To ye much honored President & Council of his Majesties Province of New Hampshire.

The Petition of Edward Colcord Humbly sheweth.

That whereas yor Petitionr & Henry Williams having a Case depending in Court referred ye finall issue thereof to yor honors equall

judgement ; yor Petition^{r} rests in yor Judgement & is ready to fullfill ye Conditions thereof, if yor honours shall see meet to cause my self to be once possessed of ye estate yor honors judge mine, without which yor sentence cannot be attended, and therefore my humble & I hope rational request is ; your honors would be pleased to appoint Capt : Gillman Capt : Hussey & Saml Dalton Esquires & ye Reverend Mr Saml : Dudley and Mr Seaborn Cotton to give me peaceable possession of my estate violently detained from me that I may both enjoy myne own & justly pay others their due; according to yor honors appointment I shall magnifie yor Justice & remain

Yo^{r} humble Suppliant

Aprill 20th 1681 — Edward Colcord

[See Vol. I. p. 367. Edward Colcord died in Hampton, February 10, 1682. — Ed.]

[1–10] [*Petition from Three Mariners*, 1681.]

To the much honored President & Council now sitting in Portsm^{o} : of ye Province of Newhampshire the humble Petitions of Polis Angleson Jonas Peterson Christop^{r} Kiding this 21^{rst} of Aprill 1681 —

Humbly craveth That whereas ye Command^{r} of ye Ship Salimand^{r} now riding in Port near ye Great Island hath by his Complaint put yor humble Petion^{rs} into prison where we are destitute of succour & suffer very much & should suff^{r} more were it not for ye Charity of some, now we humbly crave yor honors that you would please to let us have a hearing before you & according as ye matt^{s} shall appear both parties being heard we shall gladly & willingly set down by yor determination, and if it shall seem good to Convent [Convene?] us before you we humbly crave likewise that you would give ord^{s} for sumoning all such witnesses as may be needfull in s^{d} Case : wherein you will yet highly obleige them who are Yo^{r} humble Petition^{rs}

Polis Angleson
Jonas Peterson
Christop^{r} Kiding

[Some minutes on the back of the foregoing are in Richard Chamberlain's short-hand, which is found on many documents bearing date from 1681 to 1684, the key to which is unknown. — Ed.]

[1-11] [*Thomas Thurton's Petition.*]

To ye Honble: Presid^{t}: & ye Councel sitting at Portsmth: The Humble Peticon of Thomas Thurton

Sheweth, That yor Peticon^{r} being complained against for contemptuous words against Authority, which are sworn against him but he knows nothing thereof does humbly affirm his cariage to be designedly much otherwise, & that he does reverence nothing more then His Mai^{ets} Authority represented in & by this Honble Councel.

However if any words should unfortunately, as unadvisedly slipt, or be beleeved to slip from him; Yo^{r} Peticon^{r} humbly desires to show his submission & recantation of them & his tru sorrow for them, & with all humility hopes & prays ye Honble Councel to remit or at least to mitigate ye punishment due to his offence.

And yor Peticon^{r} shal ever pray &c

[He was fined £2. 18. 6, March 7, 1681. See Vol. I. p. 431. — Ed.]

[1-12] [*Petition of the Heirs of Thomas Walford*, 1681.]

To the honoured President & Council now assembled at Portsm^{o}: in the Province of Newhampshire the humble Petitions of Jean Goss Hanna Jones Mary Brookin Elizab: Savage, Sept: 7th 1681.

Are, That whereas yor Petitioners father Thomas Walford deceased did in his will bequeath to Thomas Walford his Grandchilde ten acres of Marsh & four acres of Marsh more to Jeremiah Walford his Brother being part of a peice of Marsh belonging to Sagamore Creek. Now there yet remaining an overplus of Marsh besides what was given to ye s^{d} Brothers, yor Petitioners humbly conceive the overplus to belong to ye s^{d} Walfords our fathers children, He himself likewise in his will ordering y^{t} w^{t} was overplus y^{t} should be divided among his children; ffarther our ffather Thomas Walford in his Will did give the thirds of his estate to our mother his wife without any Limitation, which estate we likewise conceive to belong to her children, she deceasing & leaving no other order. The ten acres also beforementioned given by our father to afores^{d} Tho: Walford, he dying without Will, we conceive to fall to our fathers children ourselves. We therefore humbly Petition this honored Council seriously to weigh & Consider of this our Case in all its circumstances that by yor aid & assistance our just due and rights in ye above things themselves as

also in regard of w^{t} damages we have sustained in being kept from them so long may be obtained. Herein you will yet farther engage yor humble Petitioners to pray for yor honours Prosperity & so remaines your honors humble Petitioners

Jean Goss Mary Brookin
Hanna Jones Eliza Savage

[1-13]

[Petition of Francis Rand for the remission of a fine, dated September 7, 16—. — Ed.]

[1-14]

[Petition of Joseph Stephenson for the remission of a portion of a fine, dated September 7, 1681. — Ed.]

[1-15]

[Petition of William Haskins, dated September 7, 1681, asking for the remission of a fine of ten pounds which had been imposed upon him by the Council. — Ed.]

[1-15] [*Christopher Keniston's Petition*, 1681.]

To the honoured President & Council now assembled at Portsm^{o} in New Hampshire ye humble Petition of Christop^{r} Keniston this 8th Sept: 1681.

Who humbly craveth yor honors favor and pitty towards him so far, that whereas yor honors have seen just to sentance him to Corporall punishment you would please to mitigate ye same by letting a fine satisfie for it, how farr so ev^{r} I may be ronged in ye p'sent thing I cannot but reflect upon myself and conclude y^{t} I have done much amiss, that God hath been pleased to let me fall into so great condemnation and would heartily begg his favour to pardon ye same & to enable me to amend my life; And yor selves this honored Council whom I own to have done justly as things appeared to you, yet I crave that what mercy might be shewed towards me may to Let my punishm^{t} pass with a fine, wherein I shall count myself highly favoured & ready allways to pray for yor hono^{r} prosperity —

Yo^{r} honors humble Petitioner

Christop^{r} Keniston

[1-16] [*Thomas Cowell concerning Duties on Wine*, 1681.]

The humble Petition of Thomas Cowel to ye honoured President & Council now sitting at Portsm^o in Newhampshire —

Yo^r humble Petition^r of late having a parcel of wine to transport to Boston was advised by some of this place to pay ye dutie before he sent it thither alledging ye benefit to ye place, whereupon yor Petition^r paid them, & sent his wine away to Boston together with a certificate y^t he had paid ye Duties here, notwithstanding the same they constrained yor Petition^r to pay ye Dutie ov^r again there wch thing proves very detrimentall to yor Petition^r & may do to others if not prevented. Yo^r Petition^r therefore humbly craveth yor serious inspection into ye same & that you would yield him redress wch he shall account yor great fav^r towards him; & farther the wine before spoken of was nev^r landed here but taken out of ye ship & put aboard ye sloop to be carryed to Boston, he again humbly craves yor minding him herein who shall allways be ready to pray for yor honors prosperity & ye prolongation of ye good Government of this place.

Yo^r honors humble Petitioner

Dat: Sept: 9th 1681 Thomas Cowel

The Councel sees not cause to return ye Peticon^r his money.

R: Chamberlain Secr

[1-17]

[Petition of William Haskins, or Hoskins, for the remittance of a fine of ten pounds imposed upon him by the Council. Dated November 1, 1681. — Ed.]

[1-18] [*Petition of William Follet*, 1682.]

To The honorable: His Majesties Councill now sittinge at Portsm^o — The peticon of William ffollet of Oyster River in behalfe of his Daughter In Law, Hannah Brookine of Isle of Sholes;

Humbly Sheweth. Whereas Godfrey Brookinge was unfortunately drowned ye 10th day of Xber [December] 1681: at Isle of Sholes; and dyinge Insolvent: not leavinge estate neither to pay one halfe ye debts contracted by him in his life time nor any competency for his Relict and foure smal Children left behind him;

Knowing no Authority there established at Star Island; nor any way whereby y^r petition^r may be put In a way to satisfye ye Creditors

— It is the humble petition of ye s^{d} Relict; y^{t} y^{r} honours would be pleased; to use or direct some way or means; y^{t} the Creditors may Receive according to proportion of ye small estate Left according to ye Inventory here presented to you and y^{r} petitioner shall ever pray &c

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[*Edward Randolph's Complaint*, 1682. *N. H. Historical Society's Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Vol. I. p.* 12.]

To the Worp^{l} William Vaughan Esqr Judge, Richard Martin & Walter Barefoot Esq^{rs} Assistants now sitting in Court in Portsmouth in ye province of Newhampsheire ffeb. 14: 1682—

Edward Randolph Esqr: his Maj^{ties} Atturney Gen^{ll} in this Province doth in behalfe of his Matie inform against Danniell hilton Thomas ffilbrook, ye elder, Benjamin ffifield Joshua Dow, Kingley Hall, ffrancis Page Mathias Haines: all of them Inhabitants of this Province, ffor that they & Every of them in a riotous manner & in contempt of his Maties Laws & authority, in & upon ye 13th day of this Instant ffebruary, did meet & assemble at the now dwelling house of the Hon^{bl} Edward Cranfield Esqr his Maj^{tis} Govr of ye Said Province & did in presence of the said Govr & unto him declare & avow their abhorence of & non Conformity to the methods and known practice of the Laws of England, in the matter of taking oaths, tending to the disturbance of his Maj^{tis} peace & the Evill Example of Some persons mutinously affected in this his Gov. and in order that the said persons may be duely prosecuted. Its on his Ma^{tis} behalfe Desired, that they find security for their good be haviour & also for their & every of their appearance to make answers for this their riot & misdemeanour/

Ed Randolph.

[1–19]

[Petition of George Huntris, dated Portsmouth, July 4, 1682, asking to be relieved of some money which was due from him to Christopher Keniston, and which he had been ordered to keep for the benefit of said Keniston's wife and children. The amount was £27. — Ed.]

[1–20]

[Petition of William and Mary Richards, to be pardoned for making "rash, unadvised & threatning speeches." Dated Portsmouth, July 5, 1682. — Ed.]

[1–20] [*Petition of Humphrey and Grace Spencer*, 1682.]

To ye honored president & Council Assembled at Portsm^o this fifth of September 1682 —

Yo^r humble Petitioners Humphrey Spensor & Grace his wife humbly sueth that yor Honors would please to grant them Liberty for to entertain people for Lodging victualling & bear; we are accommodated by the blessing of God to do so much, and his providence hath so ordered it that strangers ; as often times there are many in the place, & those as they say & we are subject to beliefe know not where to bestow them selves ; comes to our house and having wherewithall to help them, cannot denie it : But if we should do it all upon free guift may be at last in as great a streight as they if not worse Therefore humbly graveth again that yor honors give us our humble request who shall always Remain ready to pray for yor honors prosperity & good success of this good government

Yo^r humble Petitioners

Humphrey Spensor
Grace Spensor

[1–21]

[*An Act relating to Duties on Imports and Exports for the Support of Government*, 1682.]

For the beter raising a revenue for the defraying the Charge & necessary expence of the government, and for support of the governor of his maj'tys province

Wee the Councell & generall assembly for the uses afores^d: doe give & grant unto his most exelent maj'ty: our supreme leage lord & sovaraigne, his heires & successors the Customs & dutys hereafter expressed : And Bee it enacted By the honourable Edward Cranfield esq : Leftenent Governor Comander in Cheife of this province with the advise and Consent of the Councell & Generall assembly thereof ; And it is hearby enacted : by the anthoriety afores^d : That for every Butt or pipe of fiall [Fayal] wine or groth of any of the Western Islands imported, into this province shall bee payed aight shillings and for every pipe, of madery wine twelve shillings and after the same reate for any other sorts of wine and for every hogshead of rum, brandy, or destilied Liquors six shillings and proportionably for greater or lesser quantitys and for all other goods & marchentidise of what natuer or kinds soever, which shall Bee imported into the s^d province either by sea : or land : of every twenty shillings value of the s^d goods or mar-

chentdise: except Cotton wooll: salt: graine & flesh shal bee payd one penny, & for any sort of timber which shall bee transported out of the s^d province there shall bee payd the reats & dutys followinge: that is to say for every tun of timber: sixe pence, for every thousand foott of boards & slit worke one shillinge: pipestaves one shillinge sixpence ℔ thousand: hogshead staves one shillinge ℔ thousand: barrall staves: ninepence ℔ thousand & all other sorts of lumber shall pay sixepence ℔ tun: for every mast of twenty fouer Inches diameter & upward: shall bee payd sixpence for every Inch: yards of twenty Inches & upward ninepence for every Inch: : boll-sprits of twenty fouer Inches & upwards fouerpence for every Inch and all other masts yards & boulsprits: under the dementions afores^d: to pay by the tun: as other timber

Bee it further enacted by the authority afores^d that every shipe barque Catch or any vessell havinge one or more deks that shall come to ancor in any port harbour: or river within this province & shall trade traficke & lade any goods therein shall pay one shillinge or one pound of good gun powder for every tun burthen that every such shipe barque catch or other vessell shall bee of

All which dutys and impositions if payed in mony shall bee Collected by and payd unto the treasurer of the province for ye time beinge. And if in gunpowder, then to the Capt of the foart: provided allways & bee it hearby enacted and declared that all ships & other vesalls: of fourcore [fourscore?] tun: & upwards that shall lade any sort of timber are freed from payinge any dutys for the same except it bee for masts & bolsprits afores^d

And bee it further enacted: by the authority afores^d that every master or Comander of any shipe barque or other vessall marchents or mariners livinge in this province shall make a true & perfect entry with the treasurer of the province for the time beinge of all such goods & marchandise as they shall import or have on board & before Landinge the same or any part thereof shall pay the dutys & Customs hearby layd upon them or agreed to bee payd for the same and in Case any person shall presume to put on shore any goods before entry thereof made & Custome payd or agreed for as afores^d all such goods & marchantise shall be forfeit one thirde part thereof to ye Informer & the other two thirds to the uses of the government as before exprest

And bee it also enacted that no shipe barque or other vesall shall bee permited the departure of this province untill he hath Cleared with the treasurer of ye province as afores^d & payd the dutys & Customs for the timber & other lumber as afores^d that shall bee laden upon ye pennelty of twenty pounds to bee levied upon the master or his shipe barque or other vessell

provided that the ships & other vessells or such parts and shars thereof as do bona fide belonge unto the Inhabitence of this province are hearby freed & exempted from payment of powder money & the s^d^ dutys upon timber & other lumber

passed By the Councell by order:

R. Chamberlin C^l^ of the Councell

a true Coppie taken when it was presented to the generall asembly at theire second time of meetinge ye 14th November 1682

taken by mee Nath : Weare

[Endorsed] N° 26 Copie of the Bill for raysinge of mony for suport of ye Government

[The foregoing may be the first act establishing customs and duties considered in the Provincial Assembly of this State. It does not appear in the volume of laws printed in 1726, or among the laws printed in Vol. I. of Provincial Papers. The fact that Massachusetts collected "powder money" from New Hampshire vessels, after the separation in 1680, probably led to this act. See Provincial Papers, Vol. I. p. 421, — Letter Secretary Chamberlain to Governor Bradstreet. — Ed.]

[1–22] [*Warrant for the Arrest of George Jaffrey*, 1682.]

New Hampshire

Province Seale

Edwd Cranfield

By the Govern^r^

These are in His Maj^ts^ Name to require you forthw^th^ to apprehend ye body of George Jaffray merch^t^ and keepe him in Saffe Custody untill he give Security to the vallue of five hundred pounds to abide the order and determination of a Speciall Court which is appoynted for the Tryall of ye Cause Conserning ye Ketch George formerly Seaz^d^ by Edward Randolph Esqr his Maj^ts^ officer, for Trading Contrary to Law, wch Cause is There depending betweene O^r^ Soveraine Lord ye King & the said Jaffray and also to Answer to such further Information as shall be given in against him by the said Randolph in his Maj^ties^ behalf and to abide the order therein & if the said Jaffray shall refuse to give such Securety as shall be Counted Sufficien on his Maj^tys^ behalf by Richard Chamberlaine Secretary I do hereby order you to Convey him to ye prison in Portsm° & deliver him to the keep^r^ thereof who is hereby Comanded to receive and

keepe him a prison^{r} till he do give Securety as affores^{d} or be discharged by due Course of Law hereof faile not given under my hand and Seall of ye province ye 22th day of Decemb^{r} 1682 —

To the Constable and keep^{r} of the prisson of Great Island —

The above is a True Coppy of the Orrigenal Warrent received by me John Amaseene Constable —

John his I mark Amaseen Constable

[1–23] [*George Jaffrey's Petition*, 1684.]

To the Honble Edward Cranfield Esqr Govr of His Maj^{ts} Province of New Hampshire.

The petition of George Jaffrey Most Humbly Sheweth

That yor Hon^{rs} Petitioner being in the Custody of the Provost Marshall upon execution for eighty pounds which doe humbly conceave ought to be but fortie pounds as by my obligation dew to his Maj^{ty} for wch have used utmost endeavour to procure mony to satisfy And doe hope by yor Hon^{rs} favor & clemency to accomplish in a little time —

Yo^{r} Petitioner therefor most humbly prayes that yor hon^{rs} will pleas to respyt the execution haveing this day appointed a meiting with Mr Sheafe to put ane end to the controversy betwext us And if at liberty with procure in two dayes time twenty pounds in money & if required I will put to the vallie of what more is dew into the Marshalls hands untill I can procure mony to redeem it. Yo^{r} Hon^{rs} kindness herein will oblige to all submisive dutyfulness

Yo^{r} Hon^{rs} Most Humble Servt.

Jan^{ry} the 9th 168$\frac{3}{4}$ — Geo Jaffrey

[*Deposition of Walter Barefoote*, 1683. *N. H. Historical Society's Manuscripts, Vol. I. p.* 15.]

In the later end of february Last at wch time o^{r} honnorable Governor Ed: Cranfield Esqr resided at my house on y^{e} Great Island in Portsmouth in y^{e} p'vince of newhampshire Came Wm Walderne to my s^{d} house and enformed me his unckell Walderne was getting a party of men to Come to s^{d} island & bid me to look to o^{r} selves by

reason of a paper which o^{r} Governor had Caused to be sett up at Dover Concerning Mr Massons tittle, and at another time s^{d} William Waldern Came as above to my house and told me it was reported at Dover he had taken an oath against his s^{d} [torn] unckle and Mr Pike Came to him s^{d} William and Chid him for dooing, to all which i afirme to be truth

ye s^{d} William Walderne did enforme me all ye above witness my hand this 30th of July 1683 —

Walter Barefoote

The above written Walter Barefoot was Sworn to ye truth of ye above written at ye Quarter Sessions of ye Peace held at Great Island ye 7th of August 1683.

R: Chamberlain Cl^{r} of ye Peace

[1–24] [*Petition of Theophilus Dudley*, 1683.]

The Humbell petition of Theopilus Dudley 9^{br} [November] 8th — 1683 —

To ye Right Honourable Edward Cranfield Esqu^{e} His most seren Majestys Liftenent: Governor: and Commander In Cheife of ye Province of New Hampshire —

Right Hon^{bl} Whereas y^{r} poore petitioner Is fined at ye Court now sitting at ye great Island for abuseing ye Constabell; wch was done out of Ignourance not out of Contempt of authority wch I honour very highly and shall bee Readey at all times to obey you or any under yor Honour (as any person in this province) as far as my Life & Fortune shall Inabell me, I do not Blame the Court for fineing me all though tenn pounds in money is more than I Cann posabely pay By my owne Ignorance: & want of descretion in ye above affaire; So I crave yor Honours favor so farr as to Remitt some or all of ye fine yor petitionour Being very poare & not abell to pay it & I hope yor honour will please to Consider my pooverty youth & Ignorance; and Impuet my errour to that & I never shall offend in ye licke So Craveing yor Ho'rs Lenitey & favour To grant my petition, & I shall ever pray for y^{r} Hon'rs welfare & In Crease of Honours

Theofilus Dudley

[1-25] [*Deposition of Thomas Thurton*, 1684.]

New Hampsh^r in New England } The Deposition of Thomas Thurton aged 35 years or thereabout, Testifieth upon oath

That some time in March in the year 1681 I then being one of His Ma^ts Officers commissionated under Edward Randolph Esqr Collector Surveyor & Searcher of His Ma^ts Customs in these Parts of America; This Deponent being at the house where John Partridge Senr then dwelt, Major Richard Waldron Esqr Elias Stileman Esqr William Vaughan Esqr Richard Martin Esqr the four aforenamed each of them said unto me, That Edwd Randolph Capt Barefoot & myself, nor His Ma^ty had not any thing to do in this Province. And further said, That we were all Rogues, & that they would make us so before they had done. And when Captaine Barefoot Esqr brought the order of King & Council, I being with him, we went unto them into ye Chamber where they then sate; William Vaughan Esqr came then to me, & strake me on the head with his hand & kicked me down ye stairs, asking me whether I came thither for a Spy; and shut the dore, keeping me out. Thomas Thurton

Taken upon oath ye 14th day of Octob^r 1684, before me —
R. Chamberlain Just P.

Vera copia from the original R. Chamberlain Just P.

[1-29] [*Petition from Several Men*, 1786.]

from ye prison at Great Island the 24th of April 1686 — in the province of new-hampshir

To the Honrabel Debeuty governor and of the province of New hampshir most humbly sueth —

whereas your petishoners under subscribing are now Imprisoned by vertue of a Judgment of his majesties Jestes of peace; being of the grant Jury; as the s^d Justeses Judg wee ought to have don

wee your humble supliants doo solumly profes: did without any sinester end or respect of person or persons Conserined much less to his Roiall mag^te to hom wee ow both our Lives & estats: doo tharefore humbly beg youer honors Releff & relese out of this present bondige that wee may not Loos the Spring seson of planting which will be to ye utter undoing of our pore famelys — this faver wee

humbly beg: will bee a Lasting obligation uppon us & for all youer honers prosperity shall pray—

Thomas Philbrick	John Moulton	Thomas Derburn
Nehemiah Partridge	Joseph Swett	Jacob Earskine
Matthew Nelson	John hoobs	Matthias Hanes
John Watbrok [?]		

[1–37] [*Petition. Peterson and Akerman.*]

To the Honoured President and Councell now sitting at Strawberry banck.

The Humble Peticon of Andrew Peterson and Henry Acreman, Seamen, humbly craveth ye most Honourable Councell would be pleased to Consider ye poor distressed state of yor peticion^rs^ being altogether helples for want to money or means or skill to goe to Law, haveing sailed about the world wth our Master Michael Shalletoe a Quaker abo^t^ ten or eleven months as ffollo^s^ ffrom Ile of Wite in west Coues to ffyall from thence to Santiago & Thence to Ile of May and thence back to Santiago, Thence to ffogoe—from thence to Braba thence to ffogoe againe, thence to Santiagoe againe, thence to Ile of May againe and there we took in our Loading of Salt, where our master did promise us that wherever he did unliver his Salt there he would pay us our Wages, but most or all of these ports were unliveningports, but when we came upon ye Coast our master had or took some occation to go from his Ship to another vessel on ye Coast a great distance from us, where we were very Liberally welcomed and haveing not dranck strong drinck a Considerable while were all or most of our boats Crew in drinck our Master quarreled with us and beat us and Refuseth to pay us our wages, but when we ask for our wages doth Radge Licke amad man & calls us dogs and Rogues, abusing of us wth unmarcifull Bloes, in soemuch y^t^ we are affraid of our Lives and once goeing on board s^d^ ship on ye first evening of y^s^ Instant ye masters Servants Lay waite for us and told us y^t^ we should not come on board on perill of our Lives, the premises Considered by this most Honourable Council, your poor peticon^rs^ hopes to finde relief wch will bind them forever to pray for yor Honours prosperity

Andrew Peterson
Hen. Akreman

The Councils answ^r^ to this petition is, y^t^ ye petitioners compl^ts^ are groundles therefore order that they be admonshed to goe about y^r^ m^rs^ business & pay ten shill a peece for the hearing of ye case to be p^d^ by y^r^ master Shileto & deduct it out of theire wages

[1-54] *Persons elected assembly men* [*October*, 1692.]

Portsmouth — Capt Elias Stileman
Mr. Richard Martyn Speaker
Capt John Pickering, sworn on the booke

Hampton — Lieu^{t} John Smith Mr Joseph Smith
Mr John Hussey — not qualifyed being a Quaker & refusing the oaths

Dover — Capt John Woodman, sworn on the booke
Mr Job Clements M^{r} W^{m} ffurber Junr

Exeter — Capt William Morse
Lieu^{t} Samuell Levitt, sworn on the booke

Isle of Sholes — Lieu^{t} James Blagden

[1-55] [*Petition of Joseph Chownes*, 1692.]

To the hon^{ble} John Usher Esqr Lieu^{t} Govern^{r} of the Province of New Hampshire and the hono^{ble} Council

The humble Petition of Joseph Chownes Master & owner of the shallop Gift

Sheweth That whereas yor Petitioner^{s} s^{d} shallop is under seizure for not entering with the Collector and in obedience to your hono^{rs} Commands brought to Great Island And for as much as what your pet^{r} hath done in that respect is wholely through Ignorance — and hopes he shall not faile for the future in all matters to be obedient to your hon^{rs} and Governm^{t}

Your Petitioner therefore humbly submitts himself to your hon^{rs} and supplicates that the afores^{d} seizure may be taken of and your Petitioner permitted to goe about his lawfull occasions with his said vessell And your Petitioner will pray &c

Joseph Chownes

[In Council October 4, 1692, he was ordered to pay 13*s* 4*d* for the shot fired at him for not obeying the command to stop, and other expenses of the seizure, and that upon making said payment he might be "permitted to goe about his lawful occasions." — Ed.]

[*Deposition relative to Joseph Chownes*, 1692.]

Ports Mouth october ye 3d

I Rubin Heains Beeing at theire Majesteys ffoorts upon The Great Island; And beeing on the ward at ye ffoarte Mr Chownes Came downe ye River in his Boat and went to pass By the ffoarte. I Commanded him to Com on Shoare, and cleare according to order, which hee Refuseing to doe I ffired two Musquetts; boath shotted: but he went away out or the River; not Coming ashoar nor cleareing this was in September Last

his
Rubin R H Haines
marke

[1-56-57] [*Treasurer's Statement*, 1693.]

Their Majties Province of New Hampshire Dr

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1692	To Wm Richards ℔ order filed	1	0	0
	To Capt Peter Coffin " " with order for Cocheco	10	0	0
	To Mr Samuel Rymes " "	1	10	0
	To Mr Thomas Nuton " "	10	0	0
	To money pd for diating of solders at Capt John Gerrishes & Dame Hards Garason	7	1	8
	To Provision for 24: Solders 28: weeks & 4 dayes at Oyster River at 2s 6d ℔ week one man: Resaight filed wth order	85	14	0
1693	To frances Sholote ℔ order filed	0	18	0
	To Splan Lovell " "	0	9	0
	To Ruth Tarlington " "	0	10	0
	To Capt Nathaniell ffrier " "	14	0	10
	To ffrances Tucker " "	1	14	6
	To Edward Toogood " "	4	4	0
	To Capt John Woodman " "	1	0	0
	To my owne disbustments as account and order filed	71	12	7
	To Jeames Prescoat ℔ order filed	1	4	0
	To Aughter huse " "	6	2	6
	To Richd Pumery " "	6	15	0
	To Martin Williams " "	3	9	0
	To the piper " "	2	17	10
	To Samuell Winkley " "	0	14	0

To sundry disbustments as ℔ account and order filed	2	4	0
To John Battson ℔ order filed	4	9	6
To Henry Langmaid " "	7	14	0
To [Original worn illegible]	7	14	0
To John Cross ℔ order filed	7	04	0
To Nathan Clarke " "	1	3	0
To Jonathan Whiden " "	7	10	0
To 8 barrels of blacking 1m nailes ℔ order filed	0	15	8
To Edward Ayers smith : his bill filed	109	7	8
14 To Robert Haines ℔ order filed	6	12	0
15 To Jeremiah Walford " "	6	16	3
24 To Capt John Pickering " "	1	11	6
24 To John Reed " "	2	5	6
To Exiter Acct ℔ order filed for provision	60	16	4
To Cocheco acount ℔ order filed	28	0	0
To Jeames Randols account ℔ order filed	131	7	6
To Capt George Longe ℔ act and order filed	10	0	8
[Worn out] els blacking 2 barrels of tar	1	6	
[Worn illegible]	29	10	10
To my Commission for Receiving and paying and all my time in mounting ye guns	51	11	
	708	19	00
To Sundry disbustments not yet payd to Mr Snells bill filed	12	18	0
To ye Smith for : 16 : set of Clamps not yet mad	36	—	—
To 18 Solders at Oyster River & Cocheco wages & diat for 3 months	91	16	
To Mr Robert Ellot account ℔ order filed	24	14	6
To Sundry disbustments as apears ℔ account filed	53	18	5
To Wm Richerds ℔ order not paid	6	—	—
To Sundry notes for account and orders filed	16	06	6
	241.	13.	5

By a Province Rate made Januery 5th 1692, and gathered by ye Severall Counstables as ffolloweth vzt.

		£	S	D
By Timothy Hillard Counstable of Hampton	15. 16. 2			
Allowed for bringing in	6. 0	15	10	2
By Abraham Cole Counstable of Hampton	28. 13. 2			
Allowed for bringing in	6. 0	28	7	2
By David Larrance Counstable of Exiter	15. 6. 8			
Allowed for bringing in	6. 8	15	0	0
By Thomas Bickford Cunstable of Oyster River	11. 0. 0			
Allowed for bringing in, & loss of Staves	8. 0	10	12	0
By Robert Evens Counstable of Cochecho	7. 7. 8			
Allowed for bringing in	0. 6. 0	7	1	8
By John Nutter Cunstable of Dover	11. 11. 7			
not yet gathered	1. 7. 0	10	4	7
By George Walker Counstable of Sagamors Crick	14. 11. 0			
Allowed for bringing in	0. 3. 0	14	8	0
By Jeames Booth Counstable of Great Island	6. 2. 8			
Allowed for bringing in	0. 2. 8	6	0	0
Mr John Snell Cunstable of Portsmouth	29. 11. 0			
By 4 men wanting when ye rate was committed to ye Constable & bringing in	10.	29	1	0
Received of ye Severall Counstables in part of ye £600: Rate		432		
Received for Exise		30		
by an Error in ye Treasurers account		1	3	
		599	04	10

This account given in July 25 : 1693.

This within written Account have been perused and veiued by us the Comittee apointed ffor that end this 26 July 1693 and we doe allow of the same as witness our Hands

Peter Coffin Henry Dow
Henry Green John Pickerin

[1-58] [*James Randall's Account*, 1692.]

New Castell 9br [Nov.] 6th 1692

James Rendall acc: of work Done and barrows furnished their Majsts Foart —

	£	S	
To 4 days worke at 4s ℔ day	00 :	12 :	00
To 8 hand barows at 28s ℔ barrow	00 :	16 :	00
	01 :	08 :	00

Shadrach Walton

allowed in Councile 9br 30: 94: £1: 8: 0

[1-58] [*Inventory of Stores at Fort William & Mary.*]

7br [Sept.] ye 10th 1692

amo: of what at ye ffoarte on Great Island — 3 Barrells of Powder at ye Capts ½ Barrell at the ffoarte 46 Dimey Coulveren [Culverin] Shott 36 Sacker Shott 41 Minion & ffauknett Shott 1 Skeayne of Match 4 Powder Hornes 2 Ladells 4 Rammers & Spunges 1 ould fflagg

Wanting at ye ffoarte

a fflagg 2 Lanthornes & 1 Darke Lanthorne Boudge [?] Barrells 2 Reams paper Royall & thred ½ lb Hand Specks shod wth Iron Iron Crowes a hamborow Line ffor halyers 2 Ladells & worms for Dim: Cannon 1 Ladell ffor Colverin fformers; Beds and Coynes 2 Barrells of tarr 2 Barrells of Lam: black 1 quart of Linsed Oyles Aprons & Tompions 3 Skaynes housing ffor ye Aprons &c

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[1-58½] [*Petition of Samuel Folsom.*]

To the Honourbl: John Usher Esqr Lieut Governr &ct: of Her Majesties Province of New Hampshr:

The Petition of Samuel ffolsham of Exiter Humbly Sheweth —

That your Petitioner being Bound in a Bond of ten Pounds to appear at ye General Quarter sessions, held in Septemr: last: was impressed a Souldier under Capt Davis: and was not able to appear according to ye Recognize: & one Hezekiah Jennins was Bound as a surety in a Bond of ten Pounds also ye sd surety appeared ye second

day of s^d^ sessions: but understood ye Bonds were declared forfeited: and your poor petitioner doth Humbly Pray your Honour to Consider his Case: and Remit ye ten pounds said to be forfeited for his not appearing; and also his s^d^ suretys ten pounds and your Petitioner shall ever Pray as in Duty Bound

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[1–58¾] [*Assemblymen Chosen*, 1693.]

By vertue of a Writt of Election for Choyce of Assembly men: the ℘sons und^r^ written ar returned: viz

Portsm^o^: Mr Geo: Jaffry: Jno: Pickering: Jno: Plasted
New Castle: Tho: Cobbett: James Randell:
Hampton: Nathl: Batcheld^r^: Th^o^: Roby: L^t^: Jno Smith
Exeter: Kingsly Hall: Jno: Foulsham
Dover & Oyst^r^ River } Jno: Woodman: W^m^: Furber: Jno: Hall
Star Isl^d^ Jno Fabes

Wm Redford, Dep^t^ Secr'y:

[1–59]

[*Council's Letter to Lords of Trade and Plantations*, 1693.]

To write to England

[Then follow two lines of an unknown short-hand.]

New Hampshire In N: England 1693

R^t^ Hon^able^ Wee their Maj^ties^ Councill of the Province of New Hampshire In New England Presuming o^r^: Lt Govr has not been wanting to doe w^t^ was proper on o^r^ behalfe have hitherto omitted that wch wee now most humbly offer Viz^t^: a most grateful acknowledgem^t^ of their Maj^ties^ great grace & Favour in Soe large a supply of Guns & Ammunition for o^r^ better defence ag^t^ their Maj^ties^ French & Ind^n^ Enemies, being in noe Capacity to have Supplied o^r^ Selves haveing been reduced to great poverty & Expos'd to Extraordinary hardship by reason of the Warr, & tho' wee have had a small cesation of late wee are in daily Fears & Expectation of ye enemies breaking in upon us again.

Wee have humbly Further to offer. That Whereas Mr Tho: Davis Secretary of this Province went home for England in the last Ship, & has entered in o^r^ Councill book an order of Councill for his goeing

to give their Maj^{ties} an Acc^{t} of the affairs of this Province, the Councill declare unanimously there never was any such order past for his goeing as may be seen by the Inclosed & pray that he may not be received as a messinger from y^{m}:

Wee have nothing Further to add at p^{r}s^{t}: but that at all times wee shall endeavour to approve o^{r} selves their Maj^{ties} Dutiful & Loyall Subjects & y^{r} Hon^{rs} most humble sert^{s}

[1–60]

[*Precept for the Election of Assemblymen in Portsmouth*, 1693.]

Province New Hampsher } By vertue of an order from his Hon^{r} ye Lef^{t} Governor to me Directed for to give foarth my Preasept to ye Cunstables of ye towne of Portsm^{o} that they Cause ye ffree holders of ye s^{d} Towne to meat one friday next to Elect and Choose two fitt and discreat men of ye sd Towne (Being ffreeholders thereof) wth full and sufficient Power for themselves and ye Community of ye sd. Towne to be Representatives to set forthwith In ye Generall Assembly In ye above sd towne att Great Island In ye Rume of Maj^{r} Elias Stileman and Mr Sam^{ll} Keeas for there Refusing to tacke ye oaths according to ye forme of swaring by ye Bible; these are therefore In their Maj^{tys} Names to Require y^{u} foarthwth to give notice to ye freholders that they may meeat att ye meting house ye day aboufe sd. att Eight of ye Clock In ye fore noone and then mack y^{r} Returne forthwith to me wth ye names of ye persons chosen;

Seal, Monogram in wax.

March 1st day 1692–3 In ye fifth yeare of there Maj^{ties}: Reigne

Richard Jose Sherff

To Jno Snell Cunstable In Portsm^{o}

[Endorsed] By vartu of ye within warrant: A towne meeting was Cald & met on ye day: & at place apointed: & made coise of Major Elias Stileman & Mr Samuell Kace: [Keas] to sarve as ye within warant signifies ℘ me Jno Snell: Cunstab^{e}:

March ye 3^{d}: 1692–3

M^{r} [Illegible]	1	Maj^{r} Stileman	28
Capt Hunkinge	3	Mr Kase [Keas]	30:

The Major vote of the Assembly have determined this Returne of the Constable not legall

[Action of Assembly.]

Iff at a meeting of the freeholders: Called a towne meeting by the

offeser through Ignorance in his Return: be not one & the same thinge Iff so then are humbly of openon a Legall Return Iff otherways not —

Portsm° the 3d of march 1692–3 —
past by ye general Assemble John Pickerin Clark.

[See Vol. II. p. 88.]

[1–61] [*Act relating to Fencing Common Lands*, 1693.]

March 4 1692–3. whereas severall persons in sundry parts of this province doe presume to fence in Lands and Wattring places that have ever senc the settilling of ye towns within sd province Lain as pastuer in Common for the benefit of the Inhabitants thereof which proceedings of sd persons is very greatly to the disturbance of the peace of their magstis subjects & tends to utter Ruen & undoeing for prevention whereof

Be it therefore enacted by ye Left: governer Councile & Representatives & it is hereby Enacted by the Athority of the same that it shall be Lawfull for the selectmen or trusttees in ye severall townes within the province by themselves or such as they shall apoynt to demolish any such fence or fences, as is or shall bee set up: without leve first obtained from the town to which it doth belong: & Iff after the demolishing of any such fence such person as aforesd shall presume & Atempt to goe one in such maner again it shall be in the power of A Justis of peace to send for such person or persons & bind them over to answer the same at ye next quarter sessions of the peace as disturbers of the peace of their magses subjects: & that they be of good behaver in ye meen time: & shall be puneshed at discresion of ye Court by fine or otherwas:

past by the Assembly Henry Dow Clerk

[1–62] [*Vote for Serving Process to the Three-Mile Line*, 1693.]

Be it Enacted &c — that It shall and may be lawfull ffor the Constable of Hampton or any other officer in this province to execute there office if occation be betwene Hampton bounds and the three mile line between both provinces and that thos persons liveing betwene the 3 mile line aforesayd and the bounds of Hampton shall be liable to pay Rates att Hampton

past by the Assemble

March ye 6th 1692–3 John Pickerin Clark

[1–63]

[*Act concerning Births, Marriages, and Burials,* 1693.]

Be it Enacted &c That it shall bee lawfull for any Justice of Peace or settled Minist^r residing within this Province to Joyne Persons in Marriage, Providing they bee published three Publique Meeting dayes according to former Custome And whoesoever is Joyned soe in Marriage shall pay the Justice or Minist^r soe marrying them 5^s And shall within one Weeke take care to have his marriage Recorded by the person Deputed to record Births & Burialls and to pay for the same six pence, but if they neglect it above a weeke then to pay twelve pence for every coupell soe married

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesd that the Clarke in every Towne within this Province shall record Births & Burialls & all persons concerned are to take care to give notice thereof to the sd Clerke within one Monthe and pay for every Birth & Buriall six pence if within one Moneth or else twelve pence & the Clerke to returne every Quarter of a yeare a List of all Marriages Births & Burialls unto the Regist^r appointed for the Province paying 2^d to the Register for every name soe Registered

By order of the Lieu^t Govern^r & Council

6th March 1692–3 Tho Davis Secry

March the 6th : 1692–3 past by ye Assemble

John Pickerin Clark

[1–64]

[Endorsed] Treasurer Partridge his accounts approved & adjusted Presented by the Treasurer May 10th 1694

Province New Hamps^r — N England, anno 1693 Dr. July 26, Disburstm^ts on Fortt William and Mary with subsistance for soldiers with other Incident charges given in and approved of the Generall Assembly the 26, of July 1693 —

		£	S	D
		708	19	
To Wm Richards	℘ order	6	6	
To Jno Lewis	"	3		
To Jno Russell	"	1	6	
To Capt Jno Woodman	"	10	14	9
To Thomas Cooper	"	13		6
To Mr Robt Elliott	"	27	10	3
To W^m ffuller	"		12	6
To George Snells Bill	"	12	18	

To the Smithes for the Clamps for wheels for sd Fortt	36		
To Sunderyes as ℘ acc^t and orders filed	53	18	5
To Capt Pickerin 41 men Mounting ye Gunns	5	2	6
To Mr Thomas Davice Secretary ℘ order	12		
To Isaac Perkins "	1	15	
To Mr Tho Davice Secry "	7	19	
To Ruth Tarlinton "	2	6	
To Capt Walton for wood & candles "	1	11	
To the Honble the Govern^r "	4	12	6
To Winthrop Hilton "	4		
To Francis Tucker "	1	10	
To Margaret Langmaid "	2	10	
To Subsistence of Soldiars at Cap Garishes & Goodwife Heards Garrison over & above ye 28£ allowed in former acc^t	11	2	10
To the 9 Constables allowed for bringing in ye order of £600 Rate	3		
To Capt Sha. Walton in part of ye order of £80. 16. 6	28	7	
To Isaack Clarke ℘ order	1		
To John Russell "	1	11	10
To James Phillips "		17	6
To Robert Clarck "	1	15	
To Capt George Long "	6	13	11
To Capt Henry Penny "	5		
To John Cobly "	6	2	
To Subsistance for Souldiars in Capt Garish & Dame Heards Garrisons ℘ order	7	4	9
	990	6	3
To Comission for £281. 7. 3 at 5 ℘ Cent	14	1	4
	£1004.	7.	7

By vertue of an order of President & Counsell bearing date Januery 8th 1693–4 wee whose Names are underwriten being a Committe apointed for y^t end have perused and inspected the treasurers accounts and find every perticular in this within paper payd by the treasurer by order of Leftenent governor, or ye president only ye eror which wee the Commitee have spent at this meetinge

Robt Elliot
Nathl Weare
Henry Grene

Dated this 9th day of Januery 1693–4

[1-65] [*Act in Relation to Collectors of Taxes*, 1693.]

As an addition to a late act Entitled an act to Compell Constables to doe their Duty in Collecting rates Be it Enacted &c that where Constables are negligent in Collecting & paying in the rates legally Committed to y^m^ that then the Warr^t^ for distraining upon their Estates according to fformer act shall alsoe bee to aprehend & Imprison their ℘sons where noe estate appears untill they find Estate to answer ye Law

By order of the House

27th July 1693 Tho Davis Secr'y

past by the Assembly 27th July 1693 —

John Pickerin Clark

[The former act, referred to in the foregoing, required constables to collect *all* the taxes committed to them, on penalty of having their own estates levied upon for any balance remaining uncollected. These acts, and the small compensation allowed for collecting the taxes, rendered the office so undesirable that no one cared to take it; and a law was subsequently passed imposing a fine upon any one who, being legally elected, refused to qualify and perform the duties. — Ed.]

[1-65] [*Report of Committee on Finance*, 1693.]

Whereas we ye Subscribers hereof were chosen by the President Councill and Representatives of the Province of new Hampshire for the inspecting all accounts of disbursments of sd province and to make report thereof to sayd councill and assembly having complyed there with according to voat as by our Report given in & so ffar aproved We were by the president and councill informed we had not made Report of all we were chosen ffor; desired and ordered to goe fforth againe and make Report what money needfull to be Raysed to continue the defence of the ffronteer garritions and to build a Cittadell to defend the great guns all this we have considered of And doe make this Report that we are informed that the Building of a Cittadell some [?] will apeare to doe it ffor ffive Hundred pounds

We have also considered and calculated the monthly expence of the province in defending the ffronteer garritions and other charges

now will amount to att least ffiftie pounds a month except some of the souldiers be discharged that are now imployed upon service

Peter Coffin
Henry Greene
Henry Dow
John Pickerin —

Dated 27 July 1693

[1-66]

[Addition to the act concerning the collection of taxes, passed August 1, 1693. See Vol. III. p. 187. — Ed.]

[1-67]

[Act to prevent the profanation of the Lord's day, passed August 4, 1693. See Vol. III. p. 187. — Ed.]

[1-69] [*Minutes of the Council, October*, 1693.]

[The following is copied from the original minutes, and does not appear in the records of the Council as printed in Vol. III. — Ed.]

At a Councill held at New Castle the 11th day of October 1693

Present The Lieut Governr

John Hincks, Nath ffryer, Peter Coffin } Esqrs
Henry Greene, William Vaughan, Rich Waldron } Esqrs

The Lettr from Sr Willm Phips dated Boston 23th August 1693 was read in Councill

Resolved that some one Person be imployed to goe to Richmond Island that may in case he meetts any Indians discourse & satisfie them that this is a distinct Governmt & that in case they will app[ear] by themselves to this Govert the Governmt will be ready to hear them & to accept of their submission to this Governmt & that they shall be protected in their comeing & goeing

Resolved that a Generall Assembly be forthwith called & that they meete Wednesday next

Ordered that the Souldiers be payed out of their Rates to the end of October instant

Ordered that Wednesday next come three weekes be kept as a day

of Thanksgiving being the 8th of November That two Representatives doe meete for the Towne of New Castle —

Ordered that the Treasurer pay the Secretary his Sallary according as Mr Chamberlain had

At a Councill held 20th October 1693

Ordered that the Bounds of this Province from three miles Nortward of Merrimack River be run of on the 14th of November next according to the order of Councill made last March & that notice be given to the Governr & Councill of the Massachusetts Governmt & that Mr Joseph Dow & Samll Dow be appointed Surveyers and that Capt Henry Dow & Capt Joseph Smith be Comrs for the same and that they be payed by the Treasurer out of the publick Revenue & that they make a returne thereof to this Board

Ordered that the severall Souldiers in Garrisons be paid of and dismist the last of this Moneth and that there be onely Two left at Garrison at Hurds & Two at Woodmans

At a Councill held 21th October 1693

Upon reading the words exprest by Willm ffurbur the Board is of opinion that the same was a great afront putt on not only his Honr but the whole House and that he ought to be severely punished & made an example to deterr others from doeing the same, and that it was in his Honors power to doe as he should thinke fitt

Adjourned to 10 next ffriday

[1–70] At a Councill held the 26th October 1693

Present The Lieut Governr

John Hincks Nath ffryer Robt Elliott	Esqrs	Peter Coffin Willm Vaughan	Esqrs

Ordered that the Accts of the Souldiers Imprest by Capn Dow be paid

Ordered that the Accots of the Soulders Imprest by Capn Packer be paid

Upon reading Capn Packers Peticon the Lut Governr demands of this board their advice That the ffarme continues paying Rates as formerly

Ordered that the Secretary goe for England to give their Majties an accott of the affaires of this Province

Ordered the Treasurer pay the house

[Endorsed] 1693 Minits of Council

[1–71] [*Report of Finance Committee*, 1693. *Imperfect.*]

The Above Acc^{ts} Am^{g} to —— were brought in & Examined & in our opinion ought to be allowed to the respective ℘sons concerned all wch is humbly Submitted to ye Honble ye Govr & Councill by

Peter Coffin
Nathl Weare } Comittee
Richd Waldron

Sundry other Claimes were brought in wch wee humbly refer to Consideration vizt:

Fra: Tucker for rent of Storehouse &c

60 mens service 4 dayes wth Arms Amunition horse & provisions. und^{r} Comand of Capt Ichabod Plaisted to Guard ye Purveyers for his Maj^{ties} Naval Stores

Capt Walton for £73. 6. wch wee find already alow'd in ye Councill book & soe not concerning us.

Bonus Norton brings in Acc^{ts} to wch refer

Jonas Sanborn's Acc^{ts} most of wch before this Goverm^{t}

Love Sherbons Acc^{ts} most of it before this Goverm^{t}

Wm Cotten an Acc^{t} of Service

Joshua Bracket & three other men's Service in Garrison as ℘ Capt: Woodmans Certif:

Richd Buckley rec^{e} ℘ Saml Comfort £27. 8^{d}

Pheasant Eastwick for Long plank long before this Goverm^{t}

[Endorsed] Several Claimes from ye Province allowed & ye minitts Council 8br 1693

[1–72] [*Hannah Purmort's Petition*, 1693.]

Provc. of N–Hampsh^{r} Great Island 4th Decr 1693

To the Honered the President & counsel now setting The Humble petition of Hannah Purmit Widdow Humbly Sheweth

That whereas yor petition^{r} has had a great burthen laide upon her by the entertainment of many Sould^{s} that have been put upon her from time to time as is well knowne to ye Command^{r} of this Island & I believe to yor Hon^{d} selves the wch have been severall pounds out the numb^{r} being sometimes 5: 10: 20 persons & more at a time & having had no recompence to this day And being now in a Low condicion & sickly & weake & not able to manage business as formerly, & the excise [on the sale of spirits] so high that I cannot Live,

Humbly pray as some Compensation for all my great trouble & charge that I may be granted to be free of paying any excise for two years from this date, wherein you will favor your poor petition[r] & a very poor & Helples widow that will have cause to pray

Hannah Purmot

[1-73] [*Elizabeth Fabins's Petition,* 1694.]

To y[e] honrable y[e] President & Council of y[e] Province of Newhampshire —

The humble petition of Elizabeth fabins wedoe humbly seweth: that whereas shee is Left a wedo, & none to Releve hur (but God & your honors) in the Condition shee now is in: doth therefor suplycate your honers favor in this mater — I was Informed that Cap[t] Tho: Packer was impowered to take the probat of wills: but before I did aply my self to him I went to my nabor Pickerins had descors with him hee told mee he beleved the probat of my husbands will would cost me twenty shilens iff not more: so I went to Cap[t] Packer to have my husbands will proved but could not have it done under three pounds I told him I had not the money about mee & that I thought it was very hard but it availed nothing for said Lefft. Radford wee must have so much forty shillens Cap[t] Packer must have & twenty shilens I must have which I was forced to pay them Afterwards I told my nabor Pickerin of it he said he never knew such fees before & that he would inform ye governor & Councill of it & he did beleve I should be Righted in that mater.

Lest hee should faill, doe therefor humbly present this my petition to your honor praying your honors favorable construction hereof & granting rèleff therein in such maner as shall in your wisdom & power seem most Reqeset & your petitioner shall ever pray — as in duty bound

Dated this 8th of Jan[r]: 1693 — [O. S.] Elizabeth the marke of + fabins —

[In Council, January 8, "1693-4," it was ordered "that Capt. Packer forbear to grant any Probate of Wills, or Letters of Administration, till further ordered; & that he attend this Board on the last Tuesday this inst. to answer s[d] complaint." In Council, February 2, "1693-4" it was "Ordered, That Capt. Tho. Packer return back the money to the widow." — Ed.]

[1-74]

[Petition of John Pickering, dated January 8, 1693, O. S., asking the passage of some kind of an act regulating the fees of officers. See Vol. III. p. 114. — Ed.]

[1-77] [*Protection to Post Riders*, 1694.]

Province of New Hampshire

John Usher Esqr Lieu^t Govern^r and Command^r in Chiefe of their Maj^ties Province of New Hampshire in America

Whereas the bearer —— —— is employed dayly and weekly in their Maj^tes [service] in riding Post to and from Piscataqua and Boston in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay and in carrying and transporting all Mails, packetts and Letters These are therefore to Command and Require all persons whatsoever within the sd Province of New Hampshire, not to molest or trouble the said —— —— either in his person or estate during the time and space he shall continue in the said service of Post as afores^d

And all their Maj^tes subjects within the s^d Province of New Hampshire are hereby required to give all aid and assistance to the said —— —— during his continuence in the sd service as occasion may require And all persons are hereof to take notice and to yield due obedience as they will answer the Contrary at their perill Given under my hand and the seal of the sd Province at New Castle the 29th Day of January in the ffifth year of the Reign of Our Sovereigne Lord & Lady William and Mary by the grace of God of England Scotland ffrance and Ireland King and Queen Defend^rs of the ffaith &c Annoque Dom 1693-4

To all officers both Civil and Military and others within the sd Province of New Hampshire whom it doth or may concern

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[1-78] [*Captain John Woodman's Statement.*]

Oister River in new Hampsher Janerery the 30 1693-4

To the Honora^bl the Lt Governo^r and Counsill now siting at new Castell there being A order under the debety sectris hand to all persons that hath sencs the arivell of their magestis Commisson by the Left govenor sarved their magistis or this provens in any waie or

maner and er not paid and satisfied for the sam that thay bring in thair accounts as abovesaid and at this instant being unabel to cum there thes are to accwaint you that ther is dew yet to me for bording Hamptown soulders upward of thre pounds as will aper by the Honerd Left govanars accounts all redy med up for Hamtown soulders ther was Lickwis A impress for thoms ffotman who was Listed on the seventh day of Agust 1693 and Hath continued upon duty untel this time for which sarvis he have Resaived no thing nor no account mede for him nor for my bording of him I hop your Honers Ar not un aquainted that he Lost the yous of his Lims in thair magistis sarves in the defence of this province and was imprest as a souldr that by that mens he might get his Living and doth now atend your Honrs meting in hops to be payd for his sarves —

Your Redy Sarvent John Woodman Ca

[In Council February 2, 1694, "Ordered that Capt. Woodman's account be received, and that Thomas Footman be listed as a soldier in the forte in the mean time." — Ed.]

[1–80] [*Lieutenant-Governor Usher's Speech in Council*, 1694.]

[The following is the speech referred to in Volume II. p. 115, as not found on record. — Ed.]

A Coppie of the Lt Govern^{rs} Speech Feb : 2^{d} 1693–4

Gentlemen : Perueseing of the minitt booke of the Councill I find on the 4th Decemb^{r} last you have made an order upon Record that there was no order for Secry. Davis goeing home for England & that you were not acquainted wth ; nor Consulted wth aboute the matter ; that the truth of things may appear I looke upon my self obliged to Justifie the Secretary as to the Record :

In my speech the 18th of October, to the Councill & assembly you have that haveing been above one year $\frac{1}{4}$ among you & my expences hath been oute of my own Estate & not 1^{d} raised for the Supporte of the honor of the Goverm^{t} : though formerly the same hath been mooved for : & noe other answer could be obtained, then by reason of poverty the same could not be supported. I doe therefore now expect from this Generall assembly that some care be taken therein, or else to propose what may be done for security of the Inhabitants & Supporte of this his Majest^{s} Goverm^{t} : that by this Conveigh-

ance I may lay the same before their Majest^{s} as soe my speech on file: On the 26th of octob^{r} I then declared to those of the Councill then present in these words, the very originall I now deliver to the dep^{t} Secr^{t}y: for examination

Gentlemen, haveing spent now neer 1 year $\frac{1}{2}$ in the Goverm^{t} & to this day I have not received one pennie from it for the supporte of it, though layd before your selves & assembly that I had spent above £200: of my own Estate besides expence of time & that in the money layd oute in the Kings Fourt W^{m} & Mary by constant following the finishing of the same, the Country had aboute £700 salved them: & haveing offered to your selves & the assembly to propose some wayes that I might lay before the King how the place might be preserved & the honor of the Goverment supported, & can obtaine noe answer but only Evasion pretending Poverty:

I therefore now acquaint you, Judg its for his Majest^{s} Service to present to the King an acco^{tt} of my proceeding from step to step & likewise a true acco^{tt}: (as I aprehend) of the state & Circumstance this Goverm^{t} is in & that it might be soe done have thought proper to send the Secr^{t}y by this Conveiance & you m^{r} Secretary is ordered to prepare yourself to goe by this Conveiance to present to their Majes^{ts} the state of this Province & Expect yor return again in the Spring

The Secretary haveing taken a minitt of sd ord^{r} & noe ꝑson said any thing to the contrary the Councill was dismissed untill the Kings occasions should require their meeting again: I doe say it was proposed to offer some way for Security of the place & Supporte of the Goverm^{t}: & did in these very words say I acquaint you & as above & ordered the Secr^{t}y: (in plain words) to Prepare himself to goe as Expressed in minnit — now for you m^{r} Hinks to make a minnit there was noe such ord^{r} when the ord^{r} was on record and to doe it withoute sending to me to know the verity I Judge it a misdimean^{r} therefore m^{r} D. Secretary I order you to record this//

Vera Copia of the Lt Gov^{e}n^{rs} speech

att: Wm Redford Dep^{t} Secr^{t}y:

[1-82]

[*Claims for Soldiers Impressed to Serve in Garrisons*, 1694.]

Oyster River: May 15: 1694

Captn John Woodman claime		£13. 18. 9
ffor diatt of Souldiers ffrom Hampton att his garrition ffrom the 28 of Aprill 1693 to the last of october 1693 the account being brought to one man [is] 27 months three weeks and three days att 2^s 6^d ℔ weeke — more ffor Thomas ffootmans diat imprest by order 6 months.		3. 0. 0
of which I have Received		10. 14. 0
Rest due to me	£6. 4. 9	

Hampton

Henry Dow of the Committee claime ffor our men that kept Garrition ffrom 28 of Aprill 1693 to the last of october 1693 as appeared by an order ffor the Receit of mony to pay sd Souldjers which amount to ffiftie pound nineteen shillings & ten pence	£50. 19. 10
Henry Green Esqr claim ffor Souldjers diat that were imprest by order to be att his mill ffor securitie of the same two men two weeks and two days att 2^s 6^d ℔ week apece	11^s 4^d

[1-83] Generall Sums of ye Comittes Reportt

Tho Packer	£77. 5. 4	Jno Tuttle	£ 4. 5. —
Peter Coffin	5. 9. —	Oyster River	6. 4. 9
Hampton	50. 19. 10	Mr Green	11. 4
James Randall Ben Seve Joseph Reed Captt Walton Mr Elliott & Capt ffryer			81. 18. 8
			£226. 13. 11

Wee underwritten appointed a Committee to receive the Claims of all ℔sons that have served or disburst any thing for the use of the Province doe make o^r return that the Claims brought into us amount to two hundred twenty six pounds thirteen shillings & eleven pence According to the above mentioned

Dated this 15th: May 1694 —

John Woodman
Shadrach Walton

Henry Dow
Tho: Packer
Jno Tuttle

[1–84]

Cap Walton Sir I have understood this day that there was a Commetee apointed to take the account of every man that Claymed any thinge due to him from the province and tackinge y^r selfe to bee one of sd Comite: let me Informe your selfe That I was to have four pounds a yeare for ye use of my store house where theire majestys stores are kept I have reseved 52^s for the last yeare there is the sume of £1–8–0 more due to mee: and for this 2^d yeare which is from the 5th day of Januery last to this day more due which is upward of 30^s pray let there bee an account taken notise of that I may have my due

I am yours

May 17th 1694: Richard Stileman

Pro D^r To a Warehouse to keep ye Kings stores in from 5 Jany 1692 to 10th May 1694 is 16^m 5da		£5. 7. 9
By soe much Rec^d of the treasurer	£2. 16. 8	
Due to the 5th May: 94	2. 11. 1	
	5. 7. 9	

[Endorsed] Allowed to the 10th Novemb^r 1694 Mr Stileman £4. 11. 1.

[1–87] [*Order to Mrs. Winkley*, 1694.]

June the 12 — 1694.

Mrs Winkly you are Requiered In their Maj^ts names To Lodg William Powel and Jacob Smith and Johnathan norriss

Given under my hand

Nath fryer presedent

June the 12th 1694

Mrs Winckleys accoumpt of Lodging and dressing diett ffor William Powell: Jacob Smith: and Jonathan Noris when they wrought at their majes^ts Foarte

To Dressing 3 mens Diett 9 days at 6^d ℔ d	£0. 7. 0
To 9 nights Lodgeing at 6^d ℔ night	0. 7. 6
To 4 meales Diett for 3 men at 4^d ℔ meale	0. 4. 0
Allowed in Councile to Sarah Winkley for Lodging & Dieting of the w^thin men Jan: 10, 1694–5	£0. 10. 0

[1-87]

[Endorsed] Exeter Claims presented by Capt Coffin 9br 9 : 94 — allowed in Councill 9br 30 : 1694 £6. 6. 0

22 June 94 the persons from Exeter heareunder named wruft [wrought] at ther majstes fort In Newcastl nine days Ech of them — By name — John Gording John Rensin [?] Frances Stell James Renlet John morisen Will powell Ebenezer foulsom [each] £0. 18. 0 Roben young Rennaway

As Atest

Nath fryer presedent

[1-88] [*Thomas Edgerly's Petition*, 1694.]

To the Honor Governor and Councill now assembled at New Castle The humble address and petition of Thomas Edgerly of Oister River —

Whereas it hath pleased God to Cast affliction upon him and his Neighbours by the sudden incursion of the Indian enemyes, having his Son wounded, now remaining at Straybery Bank under Capt Packers hand and his dwelling house burned, and his goods Destroyed.

Humbly Desires your Consideration of his Low Condition and that you would Graunt him and his Neighrs Liberty to make the house of John Rand Deceased A Garrison ffor the Security and defence of some of the Remaining ffamilies adjacent, and to Graunt us supply of six men and wee shall allways pray ffor your happiness and Prosperity —

[The massacre at Oyster River, now Durham, occurred July 17, 1694. See Vol. II. p. 125. — Ed.]

[1-93]

[*Certificates. Soldiers and Workmen on the Fort*, 1694.]

July the 14th 1694

This may Sertify whome It may Concern That Jacob Brown of hamton hath wrought Ten days at their foart Wm and Mary ffinding his own provisions

Given under my hand

Shadrach Walton Capt

[Same certificate relative to John Readman, Jr., except residence and provisions. — ED.]

This may Certify whome it may Consern y^t Saml Tilton of Hampton wrought at their Majestys Forte at New Castle from the 5th of July 1694 untill ye 19, being 14 days and provided himself 7 days provision Shadrach Walton Capt

allowed in Councile 9^br: 30: 94 £1. 8. 0

[Same certificate relative to John Hussey, Stephen Swett, and Jonathan Prescott, from July 12 to 19, except residence. — ED.]

[1–93]

This may Sertyfy Hom it may conseren that John bland was imprest at portsmouth in new Hampsher in thair magistis sarves on the 2 [blot] day of July 1694 and posted at Oister River at Jon [blot] gareson wher he continued untel the 21 of Agust insewing upon Soulders deuty John Woodman Capt

allowed July 23^d 1696.

Thes may Sartyfy Hom it may conseren that Richard Clay sarved thair majesties A soulder in garison at oister river four weeks from the 24 of July 1694 until the 22 of Agust insewing for Him self

I have formerly geven Him A debenter for the sem tim but He saith that He hath Lost it Janery 28

allowed July 23^d 1696. John Woodman Capt

[1–94] [*Fort Accounts, August,* 1694.]

New Castle August 1694 —

℔ 6 while bearers for the Labourers at the fourt £1. 0. 0

Robt Elliot Nath ffryer

Allowed In Councile Jan: 10: 1694–5 £1. 0. 0

[*Ibid.*]

Aug^st: ye 9th 1694 Capt: Shadrach Walton his acc^o of time spent In overseeing the workemen, Masons: and Labourers at theire Majesteys Foarte Willm and Mary.

To Thirtey Six days allowed 50 sh.

[*Ibid.*] [*Men in Garrison at Oyster River*, 1694.]

Thes ar to Sartyfy Hom it may conseren that thes men under named wer imprest in Hamptown in new Hampsher in thair magistis sarves and posted in garisons in oister River on the 23 of July 1694 wher they Heve contined upon the duty of Soulders untel Agust 20 insewing whose nams ar as followeth Sargent Ebenezer Webster: Samull Page: Moises Levet: Phillop Towl Jems Jonson: Frenses Towl: Jems Moulton, Stephen Bachelar, Cristefor Noble

Agust the 20: 1694 John Woodman Capt

Allowed in Councile x^br^ [Dec.] 11: 94: £1. 4. 0 each

[*Ibid.*]

Thes may sartyfy Hom it may consern that Jacob Smith sarved as A comen sentenl at oister River in new Hampsher from the twentieth day of Agust, 1694 untel the sevententh day of September insewing

Capt John Woodman

[1–95]

[Same certificate relative to William Lane, John Redman, Jonathan Elkins, James Fogg, Daniel Moulton, Samuel Palmer, and Thomas Dearborn, impressed in Hampton and served at Oyster River from August 20 to September 3, 1694. — Ed.]

[*Ibid.*]

[Same certificate relative to Samuel Colcord, Jonathan Wedgewood, Thomas Ward, Benjamin Batchelor, Samuel Dearborn, Benjamin James, and John Stockbridge, impressed at Hampton and served at Oyster River from September 3d to the 18th, 1694. — Ed.]

[*Ibid.*]

September the 17 1694

This is to sartifi them to whom it may Concarn that Nathaniel Griffin hath atended his mag^tis^ sarvis under my conduck fouer weks with his hire

John Woodman Capt
James Davis Lev^t^

September 17, 1694. I Nathaniel Griffin due Assign this Deventr unto Joseph Smith as his own proper Right & Estate — as witns my hand

Nthanl Griffin

[*Ibid.*] [*Certificate of Work on the Fort.*]

New Castle in Newhampsheir

acco^{t}: of worke don by John Cross at their Majes^{ts} ffort W^{m} & Mary vizt from the first of June to ye last Sep^{t} 1694 as a Labouerer he being in pay as a Sould^{r}

To 28 days worke Carring Stones
To 6 days worke for turfing the wall

Shadrach Walton Capt

[1–96] [*Abstracts from Captain Woodman's Certificates*, 1694.]

[Captain John Woodman certifies to service done by soldiers at Oyster River as follows :

John Smith, Samuel Johnson, James Moulton, John Godfrey, and Ebenezer Folsom, of Hampton, from September 17 to October 1, 1694.

William Lane, John Redman, and Moses Elkins, of the same town, from September 17 to October 15, same year.

Caleb Towle, Roger Shaw, Jacob Clifford, Jonathan Crom [?], and James Souther, of Hampton, from October 1 to October 15, 1694.

Nathaniel Griffin, of Hampton, from September 17 to October 1, and from October 2 to October 30, 1694. The two last are also signed by James Davis, lieutenant. — Ed.]

[1–97] *Sherriffs return of assembly men Octo* 1694

Province of New Hampsher } Returned By ye Cunstabls of ye severall towns in this Province to serve as members of ye Generall Assembly to sitt att New Castle on ye first day of Novemb^{r} next as by an order from ye President and Councill to me directed — for ye towne of Portsm^{o} Mr Georg Jeffrey Capt John Pickering sen^{r} and Mr John Plaisted — for ye towne of Hampton Left. John Smith Mr Nath^{ll} Bachilor and Mr Thomas Robey — for Exitor Lef^{t} Kinsley Hall and Mr John ffolsom — for New Castle Mr Thomas Cobbit and Mr James Randel — Dover no Returne — and for Isle of Sholes no Returne — ye above persons were Returned to me this 31st of Octob^{r} 1694 in ye sixth yeare of there Maj^{tis} Reigne

Richard Jose Sherff

[1-98-102]

[Captain Shadrach Walton's certificates of work done at Fort William & Mary in July, 1694. The following is an abstract from them:

Thomas Marshall,	6 days.	John Grill,	6 days.
James Paine,	6 "	Walter Basterd,	6 "
Joseph Elwe — senior,	6 "	John Crowder, [?]	2 "
Job Reynolds,	6 "	William Mansfield,	6 "
Shadrach Bell,	6 "	Edward Rendal,	6 "
Thomas Parker, with his horse drawing stone,			6 "
Daniel Shaw, with his horse,			8 "
John Pinner, served as stone layer,			14 "
Thomas Horn,	6 days.	Joseph Messet,	6 "
Christopher Messen,	6 "	Arthur Hed —	6 "
Henry Langmaid, a soldier at the fort,			28 "
Robert Haynes, a soldier at the fort,			28 "
Jeremiah Walford, a soldier, 14 days, and his horse,			20 "
Francis Shalote, a soldier,			19 "

The certificates from which the foregoing abstracts are taken are all signed by Captain Walton. — Ed.]

[1-102]

William Leathers 12 days work which he hath ben out upon the king sarvies upon the kings fort at new kasel — James Durgin wrought also 12 days Nath fryer

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[1-103]

[Captain John Woodman's certificates of service done by soldiers at Oyster River, as follows:

Thomas Webster, William Lane, Samuel Roby, Joseph Taylor, Jacob Clifford, John Swett, and Francis Page; impressed at Hampton, October 20, and served until October 12, 1694.

Israel Webster, John Webster, Samuel Dearborn, William Sanborn, Benjamin Thomas, Jonathan Moulton, and Joseph Towle; impressed at Hampton and served from October 12 to October 24, 1694. Jonathan Elkins, Hampton, from October 15 to November 12, 1694. Nathaniel Griffin, of Hampton, served in Davis's garrison from October 29 to November 12, 1694. — Ed.]

Captin Parker/ This is to Satisfy you that After [Arthur] Hase has don duty at My gareson fouer weekes and three dayes in the Rume of Elisha Briant November 12th 1694

Thomas Bickford Comander of the gareson

John Woodman Capt

[*Captain Woodman's Return for Subsistence of Soldiers at Oyster River*, 1694.]

[1–104]

1694 July — This may Sertefy that these severall persons Comanders of the severall garrisons at oster River have quartered soldiers from ye 25th of July Last past tell ye 24th of november following viz John Woodmans garrison three soldiers all ye time above sd Burnam two soldiers Jones three soldiers except one wanting a fortnight: James Bunker two all sd time Joseph Smith two all ye time John Meder one & Ensign Daves one all ye time & at Thos bickfords two soldiers from ye 18th July 1694 tel ye 24 of november following as aforesd these severall persons above named found provition at their one charge for sd soldiers all ye time above sd and coms to at 3s ℔ week

Capt Woodmans coms to	7. 19. 0
Jeremy burnnam coms to at 3s ℔ week	5. 6. 0
Stepn Jones coms to at 3s ℔ week	7. 13. 0
James bunkers coms to at 3s ℔ week	5. 6. 0
Jos: Smith coms to at 3s ℔ week	5. 6. 0
Ensign [James] Davis coms to at 3s ℔ week	2. 13. 0
John meders coms to at 3s ℔ week	2. 13. 0
Tom beckford coms to at 3s ℔ week	5. 15. 6
	42. 01. 6

John Woodman Capt

Allowed In Councile Jan: 10th 1694–5 The Severall Sums wthin for Subsistance of Souldrs amo £42. 1. 6

[1–104] [*Joseph Smith Impressed a Horse*, 1694.]

This may certifie whome it may Concerne yt by vertue of a warrant from ye Lieut Governor Usher I Impresed Thos Dearborne horse for John ffairfield to ride post to Boston, on ye 9th of Novr 1694, and

Rec^{d} said horse again of sd ffairfield ye 14th of ye same month being 6 days.

A horse left with me to be keep ye same time £0. 2. 0

Jos: Smith Justice of P^{s}

Allowed in Councile 9^{br} 30, 1694 To Thos. Derbourn 8^{s} To Joseph Smith 2^{s}

[1–105] [*Powder Money Imposts*, 1694.]

New Castle 1694 impost of powder money

May 25	By Samuel Winckly		£2. 5. 0
June 16	By Captn Britten		4. 10. 0
	By Mr Jackson		2. 5. 0
Septr 6	Received of Captn Thomas Cobbitt he had of Mr Richard Ap owen Comand^{r} of the ship Ann and Mary		4. 10. 0
			13. 10. 0
May 21	By impost Mr Kennard	11. 3. 8	
July 23	By imposts Mr Cutt	14. 0. 0	
			25. 3. 8

Received for Excise [on sale of spirits and beer.]

Septr 5	of William Mason	£0. 3. 0
	of Mary Vernall	0. 3. 0
Septr 6	of Mr Winckly	0. 12. 0
	of Mrs Hannah Permitt	1. 0. 0
Octo^{r} 9	of Mrs Love Sherborne	2. 0. 0
November 2	of Mr John Halicom	1. 0. 0
		4. 18. 0
May 21	Mr Eastwick left in Mr Elliott hands of the impost money	9. 3. 8
July 27	paid Captn Walton as ℘ order on file	20. 0. 0

November 6 1694 a tru copie Errors Excepted

By me Hen: Dow Treasurer

[1–106] [*Peter Coffin, concerning Masts for the Royal Navy.*]

To the Hon^rable^ the Lt Govr: & Council of their Maj^ties^ Province of New Hampshire

Whereas their Maj^ties^ have been graciously pleased to Signifie their Royal Pleasure that all due Countenance & assistance be given unto M^r^: Jno: Taylor or his agents here Employ'd in provideing Masts &c for Supply of their Maj^ties^ Naval Stores & my selfe being now concerned therein —

I humbly pray that such ℘sons as are by mee Employ'd in that Service may not be interupted therein but be free from all Impresses whereby they may be taken out of the s^d^ Employm^t^ being willing they shall doe their duty of Watching & Warding at the Garrisons to wch they belong.

Yo^r^ Hon^rs^ Favour herein shall be gratefuley Acknowledged by yor most Humb^l^ Servt

9^br^ 9th 1694. Peter Coffin

[See Vol. II. pp. 122, 140.]

[1–106] [*Bill for Rent of Room for the Assembly*, 1694.]

The Counsel & Assembly is to Rich: Tarrinton for house room D^r^

To 34 days theire two Last Siting 2 days whereof ye Counsel sate by themselves at 2^s^ 6^d^ ℘ diem is — but leave it to yor discression

29 Novr 94 Richd Tarrington

Allowed this acc^tt^ of 34 days at 18^d^ . . . . £2. 11.

Adjusted Nov: 29, 1694.

[1–109] [*Several Captains Petition for Remission of a Fine.*]

To the Honorable The President and Councill now sitting att New Castell the 29 november 1694

The Humbell petition of us whose names are here unto subscribed Humbly shewith that we Received warrants sume time this last summer to impress men to be Ready att half an Hours warning if any place were attacked by the inemy which men were by the majors warrant were to be imprest with armes and amonition and ffower days

provition: Some of us not knowing were to find the provition give the men notice to be Ready and provide themselfs with fower days provition aprehending that it had answered the warrant But yisterday the major was pleased to tell us that we had not answered his warrant but by the law we must pay five pounds apece

We humbly crave that your Honors would be pleased to Remitt the same if any thing be omitted by us it being not willfully done by us as also that orders may be sent to the select men of the severall Towns to provid Bread att the Towns charg ffor ther owne men or els some other care ffor the gitting of it ffor we know not which way to provide it [word gone] some new order so Hoping your Honors take it in to your consideration and that the pressence of God may be with you shall be the prayer of your Humble petitioners

John Gerrish
Henry Dow } Captains
Tho: Packer

[See Vol. II. p. 146.]

[1-120-121] [*Soldier's Certificate*, 1695.]

These may Sertify whome it may Concearn y^t Petter Ball A Souldier served his Maj^te in Capt Gerishes garrison in Dover from ye seventh day of January 1695 untill ye sixth day of feb^r: following on which day he was dismissed

Test Jno Tuttle Captt

[Captain Tuttle furnished other certificates from which the following abstracts are made:

John Cross in "Will Dam's" garrison,	Jan. 7 to Feb. 6, 1695
Samuel Canney in Capt. Gerrish's "	Nov. 4 to Dec. 5, 1695
Francis Jones " " "	Jan. 7 to Feb. 6, 1695
John Sargeant in Nath. Heard's "	Jan. 7 to Feb. 6, 1695
Solomon Cotton " " "	Dec. 5 to Jan. 7, 1696
John Bickford in Will Dam's "	May 12 to June 8, 1695
John Tucker " " "	Nov. 4 to Dec. 5, 1695
John Miller " " "	Nov. 4 to Dec. 5, 1695
Ephraim Jackson " " "	Dec. 5 to Jan. 7, 1696

John Sargent served in the place of John Downing, and John Miller in place of Richard Monson. — Ed.]

[1-121] *New Castle* 1695

Accoumpt of Rent Dew For the Stoare house, to put his Majestey Stoares in, that Belong to the Foart William and Mary; From November the tenth 1694 to May ye tenth 1695 being 6 month at ye Rate of 4^lb^ ℔ Annum — lb 2. 00. 00

To Ric^d^: Stileman Francis Tucker Attourney

[1-122] [*Captain Everett, relative to his Company,* 1695.]

May it please yor Hon^r^

The occasion of this address is to acquaint yor Hon^r^ — whereas it was mutually agreed upon between the two governm^ts^ that this of Newhampsh^r^ should contribut one third towards ye paym^t^ of Souldiers wages besides their suitable accommodations of meat and drink, during their abode & I humbly make bold to advise y^r^ hon^r^ that they have been now out full six months, and haveing had no maner of Supply, I have been forced to expend and considerably to engage on their acc^t^ & Do theirfore supplicate that yor hon^r^ would bee pleased to order paym^t^ for what is now due according to agreem^t^ which will very much oblige Yo^r^ hon^rs^ most humble Servt

Exeter May 13th 1695. John Everett Capt

[Superscribed] For the Honble John Usher Lieu^t^ Govr

[See Vol. II. pp. 153, 157, 158, 169. — Ed.]

[1-124] [*Act relative to Public Houses.*]

A bill to limitt the number of Publick houses of Entertainm^t^

Forasmuch as the abounding of Comon houses of Entertainment tends much to ye Mispence of time and Nourishm^t^ of Vice

Be it Enacted &c — That in noe Town w^th^in this Province shall be allowed above ffour publick houses of Entertainm^t^ wth license to retail wine bear Cyder or distilled liquors, nor shall license be granted to any ℔son till he first Obtaine the Approbation of the select men of the Town Certified under their hands to the Justices of Peace at the Quarter sessions who shall oblige the ℔son licensed to keep sufficient

provision ffor Entertainm^{t} of Man & Horse & allow of no disorders in his house — Provided alwais that such as keep Ferries may have license granted for selling Drink & keeping Entertainm^{t} — anything in this act to ye Contrary Notwthstanding

Humbly Offered by

Wm Vaughan, Elias Stileman, Richd Waldron, John Pickerin } Comittee

May 23^{d} 1695 past by ye Assemble who pray it may be Ingrost

John Pickerin Clark

Past by the Councile and ordered to be ingrosd:

Wm Redford Dep^{t} Ser^{t}y:

[1–125]

[*Act directing that Bread be Provided for Soldiers*, 1695.]

A bill to Impower the Selectmen in each town to provide bread ffor their Souldiers march

Whereas Sundry the Inhabitants in each respective town wthin this Province are listed to be ready upon the first Attack of the Enemy to March to ye relief of any place assaulted & in ꝑsuit of ye Enemy as there may be Opportunity

Bee it Enacted &c That the Select men in each Town do fforthwth provide bread ffor the Subsistance of their Souldiers in their March in Proportion to ye Severall Towns as Foll viz

the Select men	of	Portsm^{o} to provide	340 wt
	of	Hampton .	340
	of	Dover . .	240
	of	Exeter . .	200
	of	New Castle .	120

and that the s^{d} Select men are hereby Impowered to make assessm^{t} upon their severall Inhabit^{ts} ffor paym^{t} ffor s^{d} bread in such manner as the law directs ffor Deffraying other Town Charges

humbly Offered by

Wm Vaughan, Elias Stileman, Richd Waldron, John Pickerin } Comittee

May 23th 1695 past by ye Assemble who pray it may be Ingrost

John Pickerin Clark

Past by the Councile and ordered to be ingrost

Wm Redford Dp^{t}: Sec^{t}y

[1–126] [*Appropriation for Post to Boston*, 1695.]

A bill for Encouragem^{t} to Continue the Post Between Boston & Portsm^{o}:

Forasmuch as the Post master has made his application to the Lt Govr Councile & representatives convened in Genl Assembly ffor some Assistance from this Goverm^{t} towards the Support of the Charge of the Post as other his Maj^{ts} Provinces have given

Be it enacted &c That twelve pound be p^{d} out of the Publick treasury of the Province to the Post master or his order Provided the Post ffor Conveyance of Letters be kept goeing Weekly Between Boston & Portsm^{o}: ffor the year next Ensueing

Humbly offered by

Wm Vaughan Elias Stileman } Comittee
Richd Waldron John Pickerin }

May 23^{d} 1695 past by ye Assemble who pray it may be Ingrost

John Pickerin Clark

Past by the Councile and ordered to be ingrost

Wm Redford Dp^{t} Sec^{t}y

[Endorsed] Three bills Past at the Assembly May 18th 1695:

[The petition of Duncan Campbell, postmaster at Boston, is printed in Vol. II. p. 156. — Ed.]

[1–127] [*Order to Captain Everett to Act as a Guard.*]

Capt Jno Everett You are forthwth wth the Massachusetts Souldiers now under yor comand to Attend his Maj^{ties} Service as a Guard to y^{e} ℘sons Employed by Mr Jno Taylor, Agent, ffor the Halling a ℘cell of Masts out of Exeter Woods & w^{n} that Service is over wth yor Souldiers to return again to ye Severall posts from whence they are taken.

Dated in N: C [New Castle] this 9th 7^{br} 1695.

By ord^{r} of p^{r}sed^{t} & Councill.

[1-128] [*Superscribed*] *Dedimus Potestatem* 1695

William by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the faith &c: to Robt Elliott & William Vaughan Esqrs members of his Majt Council Greeting —

Provincial Seal in wax

You are Comanded and firmly Injoyned, that all excuses and business Lay'd aside, you forthwth administr the oaths appointed by act of Parliamt to be taken instead of the oaths of allegiance & Supremacy and the Test to every member of the Assembly Elected to sitt for his Majestts Province of New Hampshr and of yor doeings herein make a Returne to the Secty of the sd Province att or Before the hower of twelve this Instt —

Witness John Usher Esqr Lieutt Governr & Comdr in Cheife of sd Province att New Castle this sixth of November 1695: in the Seventh year of his Majestts Reign John Usher

In Pursuance of the above warrant the oaths appointed was administered to the membrs of the assembly Conveined, and the Test subscribed this 6th November 1695 Robt Elliot
Wm Vaughan

[1-129] [*Receipt for Laws*, 1695. *Unique.*]

September ye 9d 1695.

Then Received of William Redford Depetey Sekatarey twentey five Laws sente up by Cpt hall I say Received by us

byLey dudLey
henerey wadLey
James Sinkler
Jonathan Robeson
} Se Lect men

Sepr 12th 1695 The same number Recd by us as above, the Select men of New Castle

Elias Stileman
James Rendle
} Select men

[1-131] [*Form of Oaths*, 1695.]

A true Copy of the oaths.

That are appointed by act of Parliament, made in the first year of their present Majesties Reign; to be taken instead of the oaths of

Supremacy and Allegiance, and the declaration appointed to be made Repeated and Subscribed.

I, A. B: Doe Sincerely promise & swear that I will be faithfull, and bear true Allegiance to their Majesties, King William and Queen Mary: So help me God &c

I, A. B: Do swear, that I do from my heart abhor detest, and abjure, as impious, & Hereticall, that damnable doctrine and Position, that Princes Excommunicated or Deprived by the Pope or any Authority of the See of Rome, may be Deposed or Murthered by their Subjects or any other whatsoever.

And I do declare that no fforeign Prince, Person, Prelate, State or Potentate, hath or ought to have any Jurisdiction, Power, Superiority Preeminence, or Authority Ecclesiastical or Spiritual within this Realm So help me God &c

I, A: B: Do Solemnly & Sincerely in the presence of God profess, testifie, & declare that I do believe, that in the Sacrement of the Lords Supper, there is not any transubstantiation of the Elements of Bread & Wine into ye Body & Blood of Christ, at or after the Consecration thereof by any person w^t^soever, and that the Invocation, or Adoration, of the Virgin Mary or any other Saint and ye Sacrifice of the Mass as they are now used in the Church of Rome, are Superstitious, & Idolatrous. And I do Solemnly in the presence of God, Profess testifie, & declare, that I do make this Declaration, And every parte thereof in the plaine, and ordinary sense of ye words read unto me, As they are Commonly und^r^stood by English Protestants without any Evasion, Equivocation or mental Reservation whatsover And without any dispensation already granted me for this purpose, by the Pope, or any Authority or person whatsoever, or without any hope of any such dispensation from any person or Authority whatsoever, or without thinking that I am or can be acquitted before God or Man, or Absolved of this Declaration or any part thereof, although the pope, or any other Person or persons or power whatsoever, should dispence with or Annul the same or declare that it was null and void from the Beginning.

[1–134] [*Certificates of Service of Soldiers*, 1696.]

Necolas Fletcher sarved at my garrison a soldier from the sevent daye of jeneuary till the 6 februy 1695–6 Nath heard

[*Ibid.*] Aprle the 7 1696

This may sartfi whom it may Concern that James Rolens sarved in his Mag^tis sarvis from the second day november in my gareson till 18 thereof which 16 days James Davis Le^ten

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[*Ibid.*] [*Captain John Woodman to Nathaniel Fryer*, 1696.]

New Hampsher Oister River March 30 : 1696

Sir it is not unknown to your selfe How that our Honorebel Lef^t govinair when he ware last in this provens : ordered that ther should be 28 men Imprest out of Hamptown Exeter and porchmouth : and sent Hether with Arms : Amenition : and provisions : for to be posted in garesons : for the safty of the peopl Here : the men ceme but brought Litel : and most of them did not bring Anny : but our peopl being sencebl of the great dainger they lived in mead them willing to doe the utmost thay could to entertayn them with provisions Hethertoe but can do it no longer : It being ner five monthes : we Heve no mor but 2 souldrs Abide at thair posts senc the 25 of this instent for want of sustenenc : Sir I thought your self and the Counsel met in order to provyd sum provisions for the souldrs : but I Heve Herd nothing from them sence : our peopl woud pray If it could be that the souldrs might be contined longer with us : not else at present but Remayn your Redy Sarvent

John Woodman Cap
[of the Council]

To Mr Nethanill Fryer presedent Living at New Castel this I pray dld

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[1-135-138]

[*Abstracts from Captain Woodman's Certificates*, 1696.]

[Captain John Woodman certified to the services performed by soldiers in garrisons at Oyster River as follows:

Thomas Greely, 28 days in December, 1695, and January, 1696. Said Greely assigned his wages to Matthew Nelson.
William Richards, one month in 1695.
"Mieles Tomson," five weeks in 1695.
Daniel More, six weeks in 1695.

Ephraim Joy, in place of John Shackford, four weeks in January and February, 1696. Assigned his wages to Samuel Penhallow.
Alexander Dennett, one month in January and February, 1696. Assigned his wages to Nicholas Bennett.
John Preston, four weeks in January and February, 1696.
Splan Lovell, one month from January 6, 1696.
John Laighton, thirty-four days in December, 1695, and January, 1696.
"Thomas Every," four months in April, May, June, and July, 1696.
David Kincaid, three months in June, July, and August, 1696.
John Johnson, eleven weeks in July and August, 1696.
"Elexander Caniston," twenty days in August, 1696.
Joseph Homer, three months, three weeks, and three days.
Samuel King, one month in August.
Samuel Weeks, one month in September.
Lazarus Noble, eight days in April.
Nathaniel Hutchins, eight days in April.
Samuel Snell, five weeks in April and May.
David Kincaid, one month in May and June. The seven last mentioned being in 1696. — Ed.]

[1-139-146]

[Captain John Tuttle certified to the services rendered by soldiers in garrisons in Dover, from which certificates the following abstracts are made:

Jacob Lavers at Heard's	garrison,	Nov. 4 to Dec. 5, 1695
William Preston at Gerrish's	"	Dec. 5, 1695, to Jan. 7, 1696
Timothy Waterhouse at Heard's	"	" "
John Abbott at William Dam's	"	" "
James Libbey at Gerrish's	"	" "
Samuel Jackson at Dam's	"	Jan. 7 to Feb. 6, 1696
Thos. Pattman at Gerrish's	"	Feb. 6 to Mar. 9, "
In the room of Mark Ayers.		
Edward Toogood at Heard's	garrison,	Feb. 6 to Mar. 9, 1696
Elias Parcher at Gerrish's	"	" "
Willoughby Nason at Dam's	"	Feb. 9 to "
John Bly, or Blith,	" "	" "
Thos. Pattman at Gerrish's	"	Mar. 9 to Apr. 15
In the room of Edward Ayers.		
William "Pummery" at Gerrish's	garrison,	Mar. 9 to Apr. 15
In the room of Hugh Banfill.		
Jonathan Whidden at Heard's	garrison,	Feb. 9 to Mar. 9

James Rawlings in garrison at Dover, April 13 to Apr. 29
Thomas Patman in garrison "about ye ministry house on Dover neck," in room of Richard Weber, Apr. 13 to May 11
William Racklif at Dam's garrison Apr. 13 to May 13
John Miller at Gerrish's " Apr. 13 to May 20
Richard Doore in garrison at Dover Apr. 13 to June 8
Richard Clay in Samuel Tebbets garrison in Dover from April 13 to June 8. Assigned his wages to Richard Waterhouse as attested by John Partridge.
John Attkinsone in Heard's garrison April 13 to June 12
Anthony Louden, Cochecho " June 12 to July 12
Miles Thomson in garrison in Dover, June 8 to July 21
John Sever in Dam's garrison July 24 to July 31
Mark Ayers in Dover " " "
Matthew "Macnerener" " July 21 to Aug. 25
John Roe, Dover " June 8 to Sept. 23
James Noraway, Dam's " April 13 to Oct. 8
Thomas Whidden, Heard's " " to "
Thomas Patman, Dover " May 11 to Oct. 21
Luke Wells, Gerrish's " April 13 to Oct. 2
Assigned his wages to John Pickering, Jr.
John Shoar, Dover garrison, April 29 to Oct. 21
Assigned his wages to John Tuttle.
—— Tree, from May 22 to November 13
William Pomeroy from September 23 to November 13
Robert Briant " October 8 to October 29
Nicholas Walden " " 2 to November 13
"Arnell Creeks" " " 8 to October 29
Richard Slooper " " 8 to November 13
John Bartlett " August 31 to " 13
Joseph Sadler " December 16 to Feb. 15, 1697
— Ed.]

[1-147] [*Man and Horse Impressed*, 1696.]

Portsm° 7th Feb'ry 1696.

Leonard Weeks You are fforthw^th to send one of yor Sons well hors'd For his Maj^ties Service to Accompany the bearer to Exeter & Hampton & soe back hither Yo^rs

Wm Vaughan Maj^or

[1-148] [*Petition of Richard Stileman for Rent Due.*]

Province off
New Hampshire } New Castell April ye 8th 1696

To the Right [Honorable] John Usher Esqr Lif^t: Governour, and Comm^d: In Cheife of His Majes^ts: Province of This Province, and Vize Admirall off the Seas thereunto be Longing And to the Honor^ble Counsell now Sitting —

The Humble petitton off Francis Tucker, attourney to and agent off Richard Stileman off this Towne. . . . .

[The prayer of the petition is for the payment of £9. 18. 11, due for rent of a storehouse used to store material belonging to Fort William & Mary, which was granted May 24, 1696. — Ed.]

[1-150] [*Relating to Fines for Non-Performance of Duty.*]

April 8 1696

The chiefe officers in the severall towns in this province considering the dificulties of taking the fines of thos persons that neglect theire dutie to come to watch and ward and have no estate the province millitary laws being silent in that case (only saying thay shall pay 3 shillings ffor ever such defect) doe pray that where no estate can be ffound that the Captn may have power to punish such as the law provide to punish thos thatt are taken defective after they enter upon dutie by some Reasonable millitary punishment

2ly that the committie of millitia in ever Respective Towne may have power to make orders for all ther men to carry there arms & amonition to all publick meetings and with them if thay goe away ffrom there Habitations and if it be 40 Rod ffrom home or according to the Committies descretion and impose a fine of three shill: ffor every defect:

[1-152]

[This document is a bill in favor of Oyster River parties for boarding soldiers, from November 2, 1695, to March 6, 1696, at three shillings per week. Names and amounts as follows:

Joseph Smith . .	£6. 6. 0	Joseph Meder . .	£6. 12. 0
William Durgin .	2. 14. 0	David Davis . .	5. 2. 0

Thomas Bickford	3. 3. 0	Thomas Edgerly	4. 16. 0
Jeremiah Burnum	4. 9. 0	Stephen Jones	6. 0. 0
James Bunker	5. 8. 0	Lieutenant Davis	3. 0. 0
John Woodman	3. 12. 0		

"This is a just account of thes mens disburstments
"April the 8: 1696 John Woodman Captin" — Ed.]

[1–153]

[*Committee's Account of Books and Papers turned over by Secretary Redford.*]

Portsm° ye 13th of Jun 1696:

Persuant to an order of Counsill bearing dat ye 16th of April last past wee ye subscribers hereof taken Acount of what books, & other wrighteng belonging to ye province latly in ye hands of William Redford & now in ye Custody of Major Vaughan & are as followeth viz: for each year: first for ye year 1656 one parsell number 56

[One bundle for each year is then mentioned, to and including 1696. — Ed.]

To one blundle of papers belonging to ye Counsill Records — to one bundle papers with no date to them — to one bundle of Attachments and Executions in Chamlains time: and one bundle of wills & Inventorys & wills &c: — Also these severall books, viz

A book of ye probat of wills	1
A book of ye publick nottree [notary]	2
A speeshall Court book	3
A Counsell book	4
An other book of orders of Counsell	5
to one small paper book with detto order	6
An Assoshat Court book of Records	7
One book detto	8
A book of ye sestions	9
the book of Records for hamtown	10
to Court book for Dover & Portsm° num^br 2:	11
to A third book dettoo	12
to a fourth book of Records	13
to a fifth book detto	14
to a sixth book dettoo	15
to ye Last Court book	16

Wm Vaughan John Pickerin Hen: Penny

[No record of any meeting of the Council on April 16, 1696, appears in the printed records in Vol. II. — Ed.]

[1–154]

[*Bill for Running the Line between New Hampshire and Massachusetts*, 1696.]

July 26: 1696.

Charge of Runing the line between the two provinces

To Samuel Dow 4 days and Drawing the draught . .	£1. 10. 0
To Nath[ll] Weare Esquire 3 days	0. 15. 0
To Major Joseph Smith 4 days	1. 0. 0
To Capt[n] Henry Dow 4 days	1. 0. 0
To Moses Swett one day	0. 5. 0
To John Maston Bonas Norton ben fifield each a day .	0. 9. 0
To Ben fifield Ephraim marston Jonathan Moulton Simon Knowls and Hen : Dow Juner each a day .	0. 15. 0
Moris Hobs one day	0. 3. 0

Nath[l] Weare Henry Dow
Joseph Smith Samuel Dow
of the Comittie

[See Vol. II. pp. 166, 168, 173. — Ed.]

[*Council's Answer to the Lieutenant-Governor's Letter of May 27*, 1696.]

Yo[r] Hon[rs] of the 27th of May last being read here att Councile Board wherein you intimate to us that the Lef[t] Govern[r] of his Majes[ts] Province of Massachusetts Bay has given acco[tt] that the avowed Enimies and Indians to his most sacred Majesty might be prevented of Supplies w[ch] yearly comes to them to S[t] Johns &c and that it would be for his Majes[ts] Service and defence of his Subjects here and the Safety and quiett of them in these territories, by afording supplies to fitt out his Majes[ts] two Friggetts for Cruzing in the Bay of ffunday, and of the Dificulty of fitting out s[d] men of warr wth men sutable, so that there is desired fortie men to be employed in that Service from this Province. Wee offer that wee are ready to assist in all things both by land & sea to the uttmost ability of this his Majes[ts] Province, but such has been the great charge and expence of keeping out 40

men for the Guard of our ffrontires, and the scarcity of Land men (not fitt for that service) that the Province in the first place is not in a Capacity of Sparing Land men, and as for Seamen, the men of warr has prest soe many out of vessells belonging to this Province that the shipps must lie still for want thereof, thay having imprest out of one ship which belongs to this place between 20 & 30 men wch is very Considerable, besides those that have been taken out of Smaller Vessells. So that at present wee are wholly uncapable of giving ye Supply desired.

[The foregoing is a retained copy of the letter mentioned by the editor of Vol. II. on page 186, as not found. Governor Usher's letter of May 27, 1696, is printed in Vol. II. p. 184. — Ed.]

[1-155]

[*Council's Communication to the Governor, June* 1, 1696.]

Understanding by Mr Elliott, and the Treasurer that yor Hon^r^ has been pleased so to advance as to send 12 bb^ls^ Porke for the Subsistance of his Majes^ts^ Sould^rs^ here in this Province for wch wee Returne yor Hon^r^ humble thanks But itt hapning att this Juncture there is noe money in the Treasury to Reimburse your Hon^r^ and after Sundrey debates in Councile, severall of the Board was ready and willing to disburse theire Equall proportions out of their one purses to the —— of the Summ. Some was of the Contrary opinion and would not agree to disburse anything. Soe that nothing att present can be farther done

[The foregoing is the letter referred to by the editor of Vol. II. on page 186, as "not to be found." — Ed.]

[1-156] [*Ferryman's Account.*]

1696 Account of farige: to the Caring over Cor^nl^ packer and [illegible] and Thomas ash forth and back over the farry six shillings —
to the Caring over Cornell packer and Capt Redford and Leftenent Eborn forth and back: six shillings:
to the faring over m^r^ Jo^n^ Sergant and m^r^ Richard Sloper and other Garrison Soldiers: six shillings

thes may sertifie to whom it may Consarne that I was ferried with ye persons above mensened with me twice which came to twelve shillings
Allowed 12 s Thos Packer Lt Colonell

[*Ibid.*] [*Gundelo Impressed.*]

1696 Edw: Toogoods Gundeloe being prest for to carry Cor^ll Gidneys soulders over the river to the province of maine. In so doeing hath lost 3 oares at 5^s: 6 ℔ each £0. 16. 6
and one planke 2. 6
and for emtying of her she being sunke wth water . . 2. 0
Allowed of this Bill 15 Shill:

thes may Sartifie whom it may Consirne that m^r Ed: Toogoods Gundeloe was impresed for ye transporting of Souldiers und^r ye Command of Colonall Gidney Tho: Packer Just^t ps
Wm Redford Capt

[1–157] [*George Jaffrey relative to Administering Oaths.*]

New Hampshire in New England 10th 7^br 1696.

I George Jaffrey of Portsm^o one of his Maj^ties Justices of the peace for this Province & one of those appointed by Lt Governour Usher, to admister ye oathes Appointed instead of the oathes of Allegiance & Supremacy to ye Inhabitants of this Town, doe Testifie & declare: That William Vaughan & Richard Waldron Esq^rs late of his Maj^ties Councill for this Province did come to mee & desire me to send for m^r Packer, another of ye Justices appointed to administer ye s^d oathes, that they might take ye s^d oathes accordingly, but m^r Packer not being then at home, ye s^d Vaughan & Waldron, desired me the said Jaffrey —when we mett again aboute y^t busines, to give them notice, and they would attend it, But m^r Packer being often out of Town, wee agreed y^t either of us in ye others Absence should Administer the said oathes to any persons y^t had not yet taken y^m Soe it happened y^t William Vaughan and Richard Waldron Esq^rs came againe, & tendered to take ye s^d oathes which I administered to them Accordingly: and they did afterwards say to m^r Packer & my selfe y^t if m^r Usher, when he come into ye Province were not satisfied with their taking ye oathes before one Justice of Peace, they would take them againe; an

when An Association was offered to them to sign, their answer was they expected itt would be don by ye Govern^r^ & Councill & they would sign it there — & all this I declared to Lt Govr Usher at the time w^n^ he was pleased to suspend s^d^ Vaughan & Waldron from being of the Councill

Geo Jaffrey Jus^t^ Peace

[Endorsed] Papers relating to Maj^r^ Vaughan and Mr Waldron's Suspension by Lt Govr Usher 1696.

[1–158] [*Vaughan and Waldron Suspended.*]

Major William Vaughan } Esq^rs^
Richard Waldron }

Whereas you have bin summonsed to take the Oaths of Allegiance according to Law of this Province, in July eighth, one thousand six hundred ninety & six Requiring all persons male, from sixteen years old and upward, for taking of said oathes, as said act doth more amply set forth, not with standing which you have not taken said oath, As the said act Requires, though tendered to you/ Likewise an Association according to the forme of the Statute of England was tendered to you to signe which you Refused — Doe therefore in his Majestys name dismiss and suspend you William Vaughan & Richard Waldron Esq^rs^ from being members of ye Councill, And you are hereby dismissed and suspended from being Members, of the Counsel And made uncapable from sitting, voating & Acting in ye place of an Councill^r^ untill his Maj^ties^ pleasure shall be further knowne

John Usher Lt Governor
and Comand^r^ in Cheife

New Castle September 10th 1696 —

In answer to ye charge above wch Lieu^t^ Gove^r^ Usher gives as ye cause for suspending us Wm Vaughan & Richard Waldron, from being of ye Councill of the Province of New Hampshire — / wee say as follo^s^ — wee know of no somons to take ye Oathes of Allegiance nor would it have bin proper there should have ben any —

the oathes of Allegiance & Supremacy, being Abrogated by act of Parliam^t^ But as to ye Oathes appointed to be taken instead of ye oathes of Allegiance and Supremacy, we were soe far from Refusing the same that beside wee had formerly taken them in Councile, we were of the Comittee ye Sessions of Generall Assembly ; to draw up

ye Bill to oblige all ye Inhabitants of ye Province, to take them. And understanding y^t George Jaffrey & Thos Packer Esq^rs were Comisionated by the Leiv^t Govern^r to Administer ye s^d oathes to ye Inhabitants of Portsm^o: accordingly wee went to ye next [nearest] of them viz George Jaffrey, Esqr & desired him to send for m^r Packer y^t wee might take said oathes accordingly, But m^r Packer not being then at home, wee desired m^r Jaffrey when they mett againe about y^t busines to give us notice, And wee would attend it, but haveing no further Notice wee went againe to m^r Jaffrey who told us that considering m^r Packers occasion to be often a broad, they had agreed that either of them, in ye others absence should Administer said oathes to any person y^t had not yet taken them, upon which wee forthwith took s^d oathes before Justice Jaffrey, but afterwards understanding by m^r Jaffrey & m^r Packer that Le^t Govern^r Usher was displeased that they were not both present at ye Administration of s^d oathes to us wee told them that wee were not willing to multiply oathes Inteaine [?] yet if Lev^t Govr Usher (when he came in ye Province) were dissatisfied wee would take said oathes againe — And as to ye signing ye Association when it was offered us, our answer was, wee expected it would be done by ye Govr & Councill & we would sign it there not judging it proper for us as Members of ye Councill to sign an Association wth ye Rabble, but rather in our own stations wth ye Govr & Council, & for evidence of this wee herew^th send ye declaration of Geo Jaffrey Esq one of the Justices of Peace Appointed to Administer the Oaths afores^d who was the only person present wth Lt Govr Usher & the Secretary w^n the s^d Lt Govr was pleased to give us o^r Suspension —

Wm Vaughan
Richd Waldron

[See Vol. II. p. 195. Joseph Smith and Kingsley Hall were appointed councilors in place of Vaughan and Waldron. — Ed.]

[1-160] [*Vaughan and Waldron to* ——]

Portsm^o in New England 10th: 8^br: 1696

Hon^rable Sr Our last was by Mr Wm Partridge Since wch have not been hon^rd wth a line from yor selfe — Mr Ushers Goverm^t still continues grevious to us wch wee have been free to let him know & he has now Suspended us from being of the Councill untill his Maj^ties Pleasure be further known — but least he sh^d omitt to transmitt the matter to England according to his Instructions wee have here In-

closed the same & given it credit [?] wch wee pray after yor ℘useall may be Seal'd up superscribed & delivered to one of the Secretaries of State or to the L^ds^ of the Comittee for Trade & Plantations as may be thought most meet

This comes by Mr Saml Penhallow one of our Principal Inhabit^ts^ who has tasted something of Mr Usher's Displeasure & will be able to Say much as to the State of o^r^ Province to whome wee refer & Remain — Hon^able^ S^r^

Yo^r^ : most humble Serv^ts^ :

Wm Vaughan
Richd Waldron

[1-159]

[Treasurer George Jaffrey's account of receipts and expenditures from June, 1695, to September, 1696: Receipts, £903. 10. 8; expenditures, £925. 14. 7. The proportion of £400 to each town was as follows:

Portsmouth	£84. 4.	Exeter	£71. 4.
Hampton	117. 3.	New Castle	49. 0.
Dover	78. 9.		— Ed.]

[1-168] [*Captain Woodman's Certificate*, 1697.]

Aprel the 1 : 1697.

Thes may inforem Hom it may conceren that thes fouer men Hear named William pumeri : John Hill : Richerd place and Joshua brackat sarved thair majsty Soulders in gareson at Oister River in the provens of new Hampsher in the yer 1696 Richerd pomri five weeks the other thre fouer weekes apece thay Hev Had former debenters for the sem tim but Lost : John Woodman Captin

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1697 April ye 10th These may Certifie that John Mardin helpt Ensighn Rendle Clamp the wheels att the fort thre days

Theodore Attkinson L^tt^

[1–169] [*Sheriff's Warrant and Return of Assemblymen*, 1697.]

William by the grace of God of England, Scotland france & Ireland King defender of the fayth &c To Rich : Jose Esqr Sheriff of our province Newhamps^r Greeting —

Province Seal.

You are Commanded, by and with ye advice of our Councill upon receipt hereof, you forthwith make out yor preceipts directed to the Constables of each Respective Towne within s^d province Requiring them to cause ye freeholders of their severall Townes according to his maj^ties Commission, being duly quallified att time & place, to elect & depute In portsmouth Three men In Dover Three men in Hampton Three men in Exiter Two men, in the Towne of New castle two men and for Starr Island or the Isles of Shoulls one man

To serve for & Represent them Respectively in ye assembly by us appointed to be Conveined held and kept for our ℘vince at New castle upon the Eighth day of June next by two of the clock in the afternoon, Ensueing ye date hereof and to cause the person or persons soe elected by ye Major part of the ffreeholders to be summoned to attend our service at s^d assembly on the day above prefixed att two of the clock post merid^n & soe de diem in diem duering ther session or sessions, and to Retturne ye names of ye persons soe chosen with this preceipt, & of yor doeings herein under yor hand in our Secretaries office one day at least before the setting of s^d assembly

Witness John Hincks Esqr our president, togeather with ye Councill. Given at Portsm^o this twenty second of May in the ninth yeare of our Reigne, & under ye public Seale of our s^d Province 1697

John Hinckes

℘ Orders of ℘^rsid'nt & Councill
Hen : Penny Secrit

Province of New hamp^r } Returned by vertue of ye w^thin Precept : (to me) by ye Constables of ye severall Towns in this Province those persons whose names are heare under written to serve as members of ye Assembly June 7th : 1697 —

Capt Jno Pickering
Mr Jno Plasted
Mr Saml Keas
} for ye Town of Portsm^o

Capt Jno Gerrish
Capt Jno Tuttell
Capt Jno Woodman
} for ye Town of Dover

Capt Jno Gillman
Mr Simon Wigin
} for ye town of Exiter

Mr Theoder Attkinson } for ye town
Mr Will: Sevey } of New castle

Mr Epharim Mastin } for ye town
Mr Jno Readman } of
Mr Benjam: Browne } Hampton

℘ me Richard Joses Sherff

[1-170]

[*Kinsley Hall, of Exeter, Declines the Position of Assistant Judge of the Inferior Court of Pleas.*]

Exeter: dated ye 26th: May 1697.

Capt: Penny Sir/ I have Reced: yours and I am gratley oblidged to the hounerable presidante and Counsell for their ffavor towards me in Confering souch a place upon me: and I very well knowing my selfe oncapable of serving his majesty In souch a place I humbley Beaige the Counsell pardon in not Ecsecpeting:

Sir you ffriend and Serventt:

Kinsley Hall

[The original has a colon after each word. — Ed.]

[1-171] [*Ex-Sheriff William Ardell's Petition*, 1697.]

To the Honble The president & Council of His Majties Province of New Hampshire The petition of Wm Ardell most Humbly Sheweth

That whereas yor Petitioner through Ignorance & Inadvertancy hath given Jest matter of offence to yor Honrs in Contemptuously refusing to obey yor warrant in paying to the treasurer the Province money remaining in my hands since the time of my Sheriffaltey Doe in most humble ways pray yor honrs to remitt my offence And I doe promise to give all dew obedience to his Majties goverment now under yor managment And pray for yor Honrs prosperity

Your most Humble Servant

Wm Ardell

[See Vol. II. p. 238. — Ed.]

[1-176]

Acco^tt of mens Labor att Fort William & Mary att New Castle 1697.

[Names and residences abstracted as follows.]

Jonathan Moulton	Hampton	Ephra : Marston	Hampton
John Magoon	do	John Leach	New Castle
Samuel Dearborn	do	John Sanborn	Hampton
Samuel King	Portsmouth	Samuel Melcher	do
Peter Johnson	Hampton	Joseph Taylor	do
Morris Hobs	do	Roger Shaw	do
Ichabod Roby	do	Edw : Toogood Portsm°	
Arnold Brick	Portsmouth	his Servant John Jones & his	
Robert Bryen	do	boy Wm Child	
Tho : Whidden	do	John Searl	New Castle
Robert Clark	New Castle	John Brone	do
Mathew Maranack	do	Nathan White	do
Willoby Nason	do	Jeremiah Jordan	do
James Leyton	Portsmouth	Samuel Lankaster	Hamp :
Joseph Berry	do	John Filbrock	Ports :
Robert Hinksman	do	Richard Buckly	New C.
Arthur Hues	New Castle	Theodore Attkinson his Servant	do

[1-177]

Jedediah Jordan Hen : Silloway

[*Ibid.*]

1697 *Acco^tt of the Horses work att Fort W^m & Mary att New Castle*

John Amazeen	New Castle	John Swain	New Castle
Daniel O Shaw	do	Jedediah Jordan	do
John Sanborn	Hamp^t	Samuel Cutt	Ports :
		Francis Jones	do
Widdow Masons	do	Richard Waterhouse	do
Epha : Marston	do	Theo : Attkinson	New Castle

Acco^tt of Gundeloes att D°

Mr Tho : Holland, New Castle, his Gundelo		4 days	0. 8. 0
Samuel Hill Portsmouth	do	2 days	0. 4. 0
Edw : Toogood do	do	20 days	2. 0. 0
Mr Tho : Packer do	do	8 "	0. 16. 0
Mr Elihu Gunison New Castle	do	4 "	0. 8. 0

[1-178] [*John Batson's Bill for Work on Forts.*]

1697 Acco^{tt} of work att New Castle

To helping Ensighn Rendle 25 days Clamping the Guns laying the platform att little Harbor point making Cabins for the men att ffort W^{m} & Mary and the Centry Boxes there wi . other small Nescesaryes : finding My self Dyet 4. 7. 6
To Sleepers and halling them with my oxen . . . 1. 10. 0
To a man Hyred att 2^{s} ℔ day to help me fiveteen days 1. 10. 0

£7. 7. 6

Errors Excepted ℔ John Batson

The above acco^{tt} is Trew Theodore Attkinson L^{t} :

[*Ibid.*] [*William Furber's Account, Ferriage.*]

To the Hone^{rble} Committee The disburstment of Wm Furber to the Countrey for passing of severall persons over the ferrey on the Country accomps : in May : 1694 Maj^{r} Vaghan with too men and horses passing over

in June : 95 : by the governor orders Mr Nathanell ares and mathew Nellsonn with too men more and horses passing over

In January 96 Cornell packer : Capt Readford with too men and horses passing over :

By order from maj J^{s} Smith for passing of foot solders to oyester Revar to keep garisonn at Sundrey times Eighty three : Alow'd 20^{s}

[1-179] [*John Bickford's Account for Ferriage,* 1697.]

1697 These may Certifie that att Sundry times since the middle of April last the persons and Horses hereafter mentioned have been Ferried over John Bickford^{s} ferry being then under an Impress for to work at His Majesteys fourt — Men.

Epha : Marston —	Joseph Taylor —	Saml Dearborn
Jona : Moleton —	Peter Johnson —	Robt Bryan
John Sanborn —	Moris Hobs —	Robt Hinkman
John Magoon —	Roger Shaw —	Arnold Brick

John Brone — Icabod Robee — Sam[l] King
Sam[l] Lancaster — Sam[l] Melcher — Joseph Berry
Math : Maranacka — John Filbrook —

Portsm° } M[r] Sam[l] Cutts — Fra : Jones
Horses } Richard Waterhouse — John Langs

Hampton Horses — Widdow Mason — John Sanborns fforth and Bak — Attest — Theodore Attkinson L[t]

I have an order from the ℘sid[t] : alsoe to Ferry 20 men and Pilate them as far as John Sherborns In the planes on y[e] 10th of June which I did accordingly and alsoe on y[e] 13th of April to carry an Express letter to Hampton to Henry Green and Nath Wier Esq[rs] which I did alsoe Allowed 14[s] : 8[d]/

[On the reverse is] twenty men feryed and pilated to john sherbons in y[e] planes on y[e] 10th of june by john bickford acording to y[e] presedents order Lff caleb williamson

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[1–184] [*Account for Work on Fortifications at Little Harbor.*]

1697 Acco[tt] : of work by the souldiers att ffoart W[m] & Mary — at y[e] brest work at little Harbour

John Cross	30 days	att 12[d] ℘ [day] £1. 10. 0			
Shadrach Bell	30	"	Thomas Barns	36	days
Tho : Marden	30	"	Henry Langmaid	36	"
Arthur Powell	11	"	James Claghorn	9	"
Fr : Child	9	"	John Norce	8	"
Epha : Miller	8	"	David Doen	3	"
Phil : Delenoe	3	"	John Medbery	3	"
Tho : Doen	5	"	Tho : Dolce	5	"
James Horslee	11	"	[Total amount] £11. 17. —		

10[th] June 1697 New Castle

Ordered by p[r]sid'nt & Councill that the above sum be paid
[Signed] Hen : Penny Scr[t]

[1–185] [*Deposition Relative to Henry Silloway.*]

The Deposition of Richard Tucker aged about thirty six years — Testifieth that sometime in the year 1695 being on Board his

Majestys Ship the Newport, and then there was belonging to s^d^ Ship Henry Silloway Did say then that he would as willingly goe to the french and serve them as the English and that he would Be Revenged on the English that Caused him to be there on board s^d^ Ship and farther saith not

Richard tucker Cam Befor me this 12 day J — 97 and mad oath to the truth Above writen Nath Fryer J^s^ pec^s^

[See Vol. II. pp. 245, 247. — Ed.]

[1-185] [*Thomas Footman's Petition, Wounded Soldier.*]

To the honorable ye presedent Counsell & Representatives now sitting at New Castle this 23^d^ of June 1697 — the humbl Adres & petetion of Thomas ffootman humbly sheweth —

your petitioner having bin A prest soldier for his mags^ts^: & in Cuntry servis under ye Comand of Capt flood, was wounded at ye fight above oster River, whereby he is forever dis inabled so that he can not get A Liveing & must perish without Releff, your petitioner did formerly adres ye governor & Counsill in this Cas: & care was taken that hee should be Imployed in ye serviss in garrison wher he remained A'bout six monts tim at Capt woodmans garrison, for which time your petitioner had debentor & gave it in & twas told mee twas Allowed but could never yet gett on farthin: & being in great want: doe humbly pray your honors consideration hereof & that such meshures for his reliff may be taken as in youer honors wisdom may be thought meet: & If it may stand with youer honers faver to order it so that he may be Imployed as A garrison solder & have ye king Allowance: & that he may have pay for ye servis allredy don & sum Allowans for his futuer subsistance: so prays your honers humble petitioner thomas ffootman

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[1-188]

[Certificate from John Tuttle stating that Joseph Marston served in a Dover garrison from April 26 to July 20, 1697. On the same paper is the following: "Saml Snell Richd Tree James Norway Jno Nay — not brought in debentures." — Ed.]

[*Ibid.*] [*John Redman's Petition*, 1697]

To the Honorable the President and Counsill in the Province of new Hampshire now sitting att New Castell this first day of Septem 1697

The Humble petition of John Redman of Hampton in Province above sayd Juner Humbly Shewith

That your petitioner haveing lately married with one Johannah Bickford Daughter of John Bickford and Temperance his wife of oyster River late deceased and the said John Bickford made a will and in the same gave severall things to his wife Temperance Bickford and left them to be at her disposing of I am informed the s^d^ Temperance Bickford also made a will although through some mistake ther was no Exequetour appointed but in sayd will of Hers as may more ffully appeare by the same did dispose of severall moveables among her children and to my wife Johanah Redman fformerly Johanah Bickford Daughter of the above s^d^ John and Temperance Bickford she gave severall things among the rest But her Brother Thomas Bickford (under pretence of looking on it and giving it to her again) have gitten her fathers will from hir she having it in her keeping; And also detained the goods given to hir by hir mother Temperance Bickford in hir will and refuse to deliver them but under what pretence I know not —

And not knowing any other way for the ffatherles to come by there undoubted Right but to come to your Honours ffor releife We Humbly pray that your Honours would be pleased to take the same into consideration and to order that hir ffathers will and mothers will may be brought fforth and that the goods may be Returned to the right owners as in your Wisdom shall be thought most just and Right and that the pressence of Almightie God may be with your Honours in your undertakings It is the desire and shall be the prayer of him who is And shall remaine your Honours most humble and Dutifull Servant John Redman

[Endorsed] Mr Redmans petion read & referrd to ye ordenary to serch ye records

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[1–189]

[Letter from John Walley, dated Boston, September 23, 1697, concerning wages of the Massachusetts soldiers sent to New Hampshire. — Ed.]

[1–90] New Castell 7br ye 28th 1697.

Acco off John Lewes ffor Baking ye Bread twice a week ffor ye Soldiers ever since they came ffrom the Southward being about twenty in number and 21 weeks Give what you ples

allowd 20s

[*Ibid.*] [*Soldiers at New Castle.*]

1697 — Capt Wm Whiteing Dr: To Sundry disbursmts: on his Souldiers at N. Castle vizt

30 : 7br	To Robt Elliot Esq Bisket & Cheese	0.	11.	8
	To Hannah Purmort for Victuals & drink Evening & morning to 20 Souldiers	1.	16.	0
	To Elizabeth West for ditto to 10 Souldrs	0.	13.	8
	To Jno Amazeen for Pasturing 17 horses	0.	8.	6
		3.	9.	10

[*Ibid.*] [*Account for Rent of Council Room, etc.*]

New Castell october the 4th 1697

Account for what Due for Rent of the warehouse where His Majsts stoares are kept for the ffoart William and Mary; and the house where the Honrbl President Counsell And Assembly sitts —

To the storehouse Roome ffrom June the 3d untill october the 9th at 5lb ℔ Anum is	£1.	13.	04
To the Rooms where ye Honrbl president and Counsell sitts and Assembly due ffrom June ye 3d to 8br ye 4th	1.	13.	04
To the Rent of the house that the southern soaldiers had ffrom May the 18th to Septbr ye 28th at ye Rate of 5lb ℔ annum	1.	15.	06
	5.	02.	02

Francis Tucker

[1–191] [*Petition of Andrew Wiggin of Squamscot.*]

Province of New Hampshir/ To the Honourable the president Councell and representatives sitting at New Castle this 5 of october 1697

The humble address of Andrew Wiggin senior of quamscooke in sd province may it please your Honours: for as much as my selfe, one of his Majesties Loyall subjects, and my predicessors have posessed and injoyed a Considerable quantity or tract of land where I now live, and have bin always ready and willing to serve his Majesty, both with person and estate to the utmost of my ability and have to my utmost defended the province against all his Majestys enemies but am, and have bin, greatly Damnified in my estate by Charls Runlet of Exeter and several others who take liberty of Cuting down and carrying away the Principle timber off my Land notwithstanding I have forewarned them often, but he saith he will do it still, and there being an act past prohibiting tryalls of actions above twenty pound especially where titles of Land is Concerned which I judge to be the reason of s^d^ runlett & others taking such liberty & which if not prevented my selfe and others will be extreamly Damnified: there being evill minded persons enough that will improve their oppertunity to ruine others, do therefore pray that such care may be taken as by your honours shall be thought sutable for the punishing sd runlet and all other his abettors & making restitution for damages on that account and to prevent such actions for the time to come

Praying your Serious consideration hereof and reliefe herein which will oblige your humble addressor ever to pray for your honours prosperity Andrew Wiggin

[See Vol. II. p. 272. — Ed.]

[1–193] [*Concerning the Man of War Falkland.*]

New Hampshire
in New England New Castle 18th 8^br^ 1697 —

Capt Robt Hancock [Commander of the Ship Falkland.]

S^r^: Pursuant to a Commission und^r^ ye Great Seal of his Maj^ties^ Supream Court of Admiralty bearing date the 30th April 1694 where by Tho. Robinson Esq together with other gent of this province are Commissionated, Empowered & Commanded to Examin upon their Corporal Oaths such ℘son or ℘sons as can give any Information con-

cerning prizes or Prize Goods wch are or shall hereafter be brought into this Province & being Advised by the sd Tho: Robinson Esq that there are Sundry ℙsons on board his Majties ship ye Falkland now under yor Comand yt can give Information in this matter these are therefore to let you know that wee have sent wth a Subpena for ye severall ℙsons hereafter mention'd vizt James Dunbar Tho: Wilkins purser James Couch Mr Jno Kock Boatswain Henry Miller Carpentr & Geoffrey Kellet mate & desire yor selfe to ℙmitt ye officer to doe his duty & give liberty to the sd ℙsons fforthwith to come on shore to Attend ye Comissionrs aforesd at the house of Elizа West —

[Endorsed] Coppy of Letter to Capt Hancocke 8 October 1697 —

[See Vol. II. for matters relating to the man of war Falkland. — Ed.]

[1-197] [*Shadrach Walton to be in Command of the Fort.*]

Province of Newhampsher } Whereas I was betrusted by John Usher Esqr Lt Governr and Commander in Cheife of his Majesty province aforesaid with the Command of his Majestys Forte William & Mary at New Castle in the Province above sd —

You are hereby ordered to deliver the above sd Forte and stores unto Capt Shedrech Walton Esqr — for which this shall be your order —

Given under my hand & seal this 13th day of Decbr 1697 — Nath fryer

To William Ardell Esqr
High Shereff of sd Province

[1-197] [*Warrant to William Ardell, Sheriff.*]

Prov Newhampr New Castle 13 Xber 1697

you are in his majtes name required to breake open the dores where the Kings stores are & Ceize the stores & deliver the same to Capt Shadrach Walton Capt of his majtis ffort Wm & Mary, for wch this shall be yor warrant

Given under my hand & seal at armes

To Wm Ardell Esqr
Sherrife

Jno Usher Esqr
Levt Governr in Cheife

14 Xber Wm Ardell appeared according to his warrant to answer to ye Lieut Governr & Counsel for breaking open the dores wherein was the kings stores : & being demanded by Levt Governr & Council, by what power he did it produced the order of wch the above is a Coppy : ye above ardell was Comitted to Leut Snell to deliver sd Ardell to ye Sherif or deputy — & him or them to have befor ye Leutt Goverr & Council to morrow at portsmo 10 of ye Clock

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[1-199]

[William Ardell's petition, referred to in Vol. II. p. 263. Dated December 15, 1697. — Ed.]

[1-200]

[Depositions of Thomas Philbrick, Sr., aged 73 years ; John French, aged 37 years ; John Gove, aged 36 years ; and Jonathan Philbrick, aged 39 years ; all concerning John Magoon as a ward of Peter Coffin. Sworn before Nathaniel Weare, February 4, 1697–98. See Vol. II. p. 274. — Ed.]

[1-201]

[Invoice of Peter Coffin's ratable estate, as taken August 11, 1697. — Ed.]

[1-203] [*Sarah Robey's Petition, Innholder*, 1698.]

To the Honourble Leftnt Governour and Council of his majesties province of New Hampsheire And Representatives Conveaned in Generall Assembly, now sitting att Portsmouth this 8th of March 1697-8 —

The Humble petition of Sarah Robey of Hampton widow Humbly Shewith

That your petitioner being a pore widow of about sixtie years of Age hath for this ffower or five years lost the use of my limbs and hath not bin able for the above sayd time to stand on my ffeet nor to dress or undress my self no more than a child And have no way to maintain my self but by keeping a public House of Entertainment as I have done for neare twentie years and am very much streightned

to pay ye person I keep to tend my house — Your pore petitioner Humbly pray that your Honours would be pleased to consider the condition I am in and Remitt unto your pore petitioner the excise that shall be for the ffuter yearly demanded of your petitioner which I am not able to pay — And that your Honours may be under all other Blissings as well as that Blissing promised to them that shew mercy to ye pore is the heartie desire and shall be the prayer of your pore petitioner

Sarah Robey
Her R marke or signe

Voted by ye Assembly that the petitioner be ffreed from paying Excise so long as she keep her license in her own Hands but no longer Past by The Assembly

Theodore Attkinson Clerk

[1-203] [*Ichabod Plaisted's Expenses to New York.*]

Portsm° 10th March 1697-8

By order of the Lef^t Governor and Councell December the 17 I wase sent ffrom hence ffor new York and Returned ffeabarey the 12: bein 58 days: what I expended in that Jorney wase twentey six pound thortene shillens — 26. 13. 0

Icabod Plaisted

[In Council, December 15, 1697, Captain Ichabod Plaisted was "sent to New York to congratulate the arrival of my Lord Bellomont." Instructions given him may be found in Vol. II. p. 264, and his itemized bill on p. 265. — Ed.]

[1-204]

[Receipts for copies of laws, April, 1698, signed by the selectmen of the several towns as follows: "Christ. Palmer timothy hillyard Isaac Green John marston Simon Dow Select men of Hampton John pickerin in behalf of ye Selectmen of Portsm° Biley Dudley Select man — Exeter Jn° Gerrish Select Man — Dover Theodore Attkinson Select man New Castle." — Ed.]

[1-205] [*Andrew Wiggin relative to Boundaries*, 1698.]

Province of New Hampshire — To the Honourable Lef^{t} Governor & Councell at Portsm^{o} May 3^{d} 1698

The Humble address of Andrew Wiggin Senr humbly sheweth, that whereas it is known to your honours or most of you, that my predesessors and selfe have for more than fifty years bin posest of a considerable quantity of Land and marsh as may more Largely apear by a deed to my self from my Honoured father Capt Thomas Wiggin deceased, which tract of Land was confered unto my father by act of ye Generall Court of Boston under whose Goverment this province then was: and bounds accordingly set, and have not bin backward to adventure my life and estate for the good of the province against the common enemy and against the perticuler enemies of ye province, and have sold & disposed of sundry parcels of ye said tract of land: how things may fall out for the future know not but to prevent trouble and contention & that I may be the better inabled to helpe bare ye publick charge chearfully — Humbly pray that my Lands may be confermed according to those former bounds afore mentioned or that such other measures may be taken for confermation therof as in your wisdome shall seem most meet which is the humble request of your Honours most humble servant Andrew Wiggin

[See Vol. II. p. 272. — Ed.]

[1-206] [*Mr. Bridger to Governor and Council*, 1698.]

To ye honb^{le} Leiu^{tt} Govern^{r}: Councill and Representatives for ye province of New Hampshire

My coming hither is by commission from his maj^{te} in order to joyn wth ye hono^{ble} Leiu^{tt} Govern^{r}: (who has a commission from his maj^{te} likewise:) for ye supplying ye royal navy wth what commodity I shall find here fitt for that service; in order to introduce a trade wth his maj^{ts} plantacons in these parts, for ye following Specimens, namely, timber, plank, standards, knees, rafters, masts, pitch, tarr, rozin, hemp &c: my present request is that you would think of a sufficient guard of men for me to inspect yor woods, & from thence collect a quantity of each Specimen above named; to be sent over to england, there to be adjudged off, for his maj^{ts} better informacon, who designs to fix, forme, & settle a trade here wth you for supplying his Navy royall; to which I heartily desire yor concurrence be assured of my

constant & faithfull assistence here & at England both for yo^{rs} & his maj^{te} good, & that he may not faile of so great so good a design, as well for his subjects as his own advantage; wch if carried on will fully answer his maj^{ts} expectacons and create to this place, a lasting and gainfull trade to posterity:

Gent^{n}/ All I have to add is this. I desire yor assistance concurrence and complyance wth this design, & wth as much expedicon as is possible; wch will render me able to give to his maj^{te} yor answer by Capt Long; & likewise how loyall his subjects are here, & ready to help, y^{t} so royall a projection may not be abortive; so remaine

Gent^{m} yor most humble Serv^{tt}:

Piscataqua June 14th: 1698— Bridger

[Mr. John Bridger was sent to New Hampshire for purposes mentioned in the foregoing. See Vol. II. p. 344, and Vol. III. as per index. — Ed.]

[1-207] [*Richard Gerrish for a Remission of Duties.*]

To ye Honner^{ble} Leit^{t} Govern^{r} and Councill & Representatives conveined in gen^{l} assembly now Sitting att Portsm^{o} the petition of Richard Gerrish Comand^{r} of ye Ship Benjamin humbly Sheweth —

That where as yor petion^{r} an Inhabitant of this Province and now Comand^{r} of s^{d} Ship which was builtt In this River and now bound for Barbadoes and Coming from Boston where I payd the Duty of Powd^{r} money and Is here again demanded of mee Likewise and Considering the advantage which hath acrewed to this place by means of ye trade used by s^{d} ship and how harde Itt would bare on my owners to paye powd^{r} money twice in one voyage by my Coming here to this River to Loade — I humbly praye yor Hon^{rs} to remitt the same or soe to mittigate itt as maye be a furd^{r} Incoragem^{t} to my Consern — as also to yor Hon^{rs} moste Humble Serv^{tt}

Richard Gerrish.

[In Council and Assembly, August 9, 1698, "ordered that he pay his powder money here as he did in Boston." — Ed.]

[1–208]

[*Material Used to Celebrate the Occasion of the Proclamation of the Governor's Commission.*]

New Castle Septr 15th 1698

Received from Mr Richd Buckley when the Govern^{rs} Commishion was Proclaim'd att the fourt W^{m} & Mary

To 4 gall^{s} of Rum a 3^{s} 5^{d} ℘ Gall	£0.	13.	08
To 18 pound of Sugar at 5^{d} ℘ pound	0.	07.	06
To 3 Nutmegs	0.	00.	06
To one hundred of Limes	0.	06.	00
received ℘ Samuel Comfort	01.	07.	8

[1–209] [*Report of Committee on Claims, October* 4, 1698.]

N Hampshire Att a meeting of ye Comittee Appointed to receive the Claimes of w^{t} is due ffor Service or Disbursm^{ts} wthin this Province this 4th 8^{br} 1698 was brought in by

Jno: Hinks Esq an Acc^{tt} of wages & subsistence for Souldiers at his maj^{ties} Fort in New Castle from 10th 9^{br} 1697 to 10th 8^{br} 1698, &c as ℘ ℘ticular Acc^{tt} Am^{o}: to	£97.	4.	2
Jer: Walford work of his horse at y^{e} Fort . . .	0.	14.	6
Hannah Permort as ℘ Acc^{tt}	8.	12.	6
Capt Jno Tuttle his acc^{tt} of wages & Subsistence of Souldiers in Garrison at Dover &c as ℘ ℘ticulars	68.	12.	4
Rowland Jenkins for service in Heards Garrison from 4th 8^{br} to 13 Augt 1698 = 44 weeks 6 days at 6^{s} ℘ week	13.	9.	0
Mr Henry Penny his Acc^{tt} of Sallery &c. to the 2^{d} 8^{br} [October] 1698	4.	6.	0
Mrs Patience Atkins for rent of her house for Councill & assembly to sitt in 9 m^{o} to 28th 7^{br} 1698	3.	0.	0
Elisha Bryar for Attendance upon Councill & assembly to 4th 8^{br} 1698 — as ℘ ℘ticular Acc^{t}	2.	12.	3
Jno Knight Disbursed as ℘ ℘ticular Acc^{t} . . .	2.	11.	1
Jno Snell Disbursed as ℘ Acc^{t}	0.	8.	0
Jno Reid for service in Heards Garrison ℘ Capt Tuttles Certificate 49 weeks at 6^{s}	14.	14.	0
James Norraway 4 weeks 1 day in garrison ℘ Cp^{t} Tuttles Certificate	1.	4.	10

Edwd Aires 2 Axes for the Fort	0.	12.	0
Robt Lang horse-work at ye Fort	0.	6.	0
Wm Lane & John Page Serving in Garrison two weeks each as ℘ Capt Woodman's Certificate . .	1.	4.	0
	219.	10.	8

[1–210] [*Samuel Penhallow to Lord Bellomont.*]

New Hampshire Novbr. 25th 1698.

May itt please yor Hon^{r}

Mine of ye 14th Instant intended by Capt Smith who was since retarded, gave y^{r} L^{d}ship ac^{t} of mr Alleins male proceedings wch then, no bigger than that of Elijahs hand, hath now overspread our whole Hemisphere. Our property calld into question, tho att first purchased of ye natives and ever since defended wth the hazard of o^{r} lives. Our principall gent laid by, and such only put into office, whose mercenary narrow souls are continually devising mischiefe, and always ready to attempt what ever is gratefull to their masters interest, tho at ye same time ruinating to their neighbours good. Our merch^{ts} and mariners discouraged in point of trade In so much that if your Excellency (out of yor condesending favour) is not pleasd to give some speedy redress our principall inhabitants will be forced to quitt their stations.

In humble expectation therefore of yor Lordships goodness, our principall gent^{m} have prevailed with ye Hon^{rble} Wm Patridge and Maj^{r} Vaughan (persons of integrity) to represent unto y^{r} Honour our miserable circumstances no ways doubting of finding favour and redress.

[The foregoing is from a first draft, and contains no signature, but is endorsed: "Sam^{ll} Penhallow Lett^{r} unto his Excellency Novbr 25, 1698 — Ld Bellomont." — Ed.]

[1–211] [*Samuel Penhallow to Lord Bellomont.*]

Newhampsh^{r} Decb^{r} 7th 1698

May it please yor Excellency

My last accompanied the Honerble Wm Patridge, wherin I omitted to rep^{r}sent unto yor Excellency the generall satisfaction of our people under his good conduct while Lieu^{t} Gover^{r} and am persuaded,

that no gent^{n} in these parts will be more gratefully entertained in that station than himself if your Excellency may see meet to countenance him. And whereas I am informed that sundry persons are soliciting your Excellency for the favour of some place or other; do only crave that yor Excellency would please to grant mee a remembrance in yor affections; I dare not assume the boldness to prescribe, or dictate what place yor Excellency should conferr upon mee; but crave leave to say, that none here is valuable excepting two, vizt the office of a Treasurer Secretary and Recorder, wch I humbly recommend unto yor Excellencys great wisdom and Consideration —

Yo^{r} Excellencys most humble obliged
& faithfull Servt
Sam^{ll} Penhallow

[Endorsed] Sam^{ll} Penhallows Lett^{r} to his Excellency Decb^{r} 7th 1698 Copy — Ld Bellomont

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[1–212] [*Hannah Purmort's Petition*, 1699.]

To The Right Honble Samuel Allen Esqr Govern^{r} of his Maj^{ties} province of New Hampsh^{r} and the Rest of his Maj^{ties} Council in Council Assembled Feb. 25, 1698 —

The Humble petition of Hannah Purmit Widdow Inhold^{r} in New Castle in sd Province Humbly Sheweth —

That yor Petitioner was ordered to provide a dinner & entertainment for the Hono^{ble} the Govern^{r} & the Council, and such others as should by them be desired to be present that day whereon the Governors Commission was proclaimed at the ffort which amounted to besides Mr Buckly's bill the Summe of eight pounds twelve shillings six pence which was ordered to be paid but the gathering of the rates being soe at that time forbid, & the then treasurer being withdrawn & since superseded by another whereby yor Petitioner remains still unpaid and can now no wais receive pay for the same without the Assistance & direction of yor Honors —

May it Therefore please yor Honors to take the same into yor Consideration, and to Grant unto yor Petitioner an order unto the Treasurer of the Province for the said summe of eight pounds twelve shillings six pence — and she shall as in duty bound pray &c

Hannah Purmit

New Castle ffeb^{r} y 25, 1698 — [1699, N. S.]

[In Council the amount was ordered to be paid. — Ed.]

[1-213]

[Petition of John Cross, a soldier for six years at Fort William & Mary, dated January 7, 1699, asking for the payment of the wages due to him. — Ed.]

[1-214] [*Petition of Mrs. Pitman, January*, 1699.]

To the Right Honble: Sam^{ll} Allen Esqr Govern^{r} & Command^{r} in Cheife of his Maj^{ties} Province of New Hampshire, and Councill Assembled Jan'y 7th 1698.

The humble petition; of Deliverance Pittman; formerly the wife of John Derry; and now the wife of Nathaniel Pittman —

Humbly Sheweth. — That in the year; 1694: yor petition^{rs} House was Burnt by the Indians; and our Cattle Killed; as also most of our Children; my husband, one Child, and yor Petition^{r} taken Captives; in wch Captivity my husband dyed; none but your Petition^{r} Returned; hoping to enjoy what estate was left by yor Petitioners husband; in due method of Law: In Pursueance to wch yor Petition^{r} took out Lett^{rs} of Admistracon; gave in security one Joseph Smith; and Jeremiah Burnam, which Security have since; violently; and Contrary to Law Seized upon yor Petition^{rs} Cows; and estate; the whole Amounting to ninety Pounds, forty ffive of wch are in Lands; all there pretence being for soe doing; that it is for the good of my Children, which I had to my first husband, Derry; But in truth yor Petition^{r} knows of noe such Children being now Liveing; and if yor Petition^{r} have not the Cows & Land againe; she & family must needs perish. — May it therefore please yor Hon^{rs} and you Gentlemen of his Maj^{ties} Councill; Seriously to Inspect into the illegal method of the said Joseph Smith, and Jeremiah Burnam; and Comiserate the Condition of yor Petition^{r} and Grant an order that the said Cows, & Estate may be Restored to yor Petition^{r} or that the said Joseph Smith and Jeremiah Burnum may Enter into Sufficient Security for the Keeping or withholding the said Cows; and Estate.

And yor Petition^{r} shall pray &c —

Nath: Pitman
in behalfe of his wife Deliverance

[In Council "January 17th 1698–9" it was "Resolved, that he must have his remedy and redress by law." — Ed.]

[1–215]

[*Several Men Commissioned, August* 16, 1699, *with Full Instructions as to their Duties.*]

Wm: the third by the Grace of God of England Scottland, ffrance & Ireland King defender of the faith &c: To our Trusty and well beloved Wm Partridge, John Hinckes, Nathll: ffryer, Robert Elliott, Richd Waldron, John Gerrish, Peter Coffin, Wm Vaughan, Henry Green, Nathaniel Ware, Henry Dow, Jonathan Woodman, Samuell Penhallow, John Plaisted, Moses Levitt, and Theodore Attkinson Esqrs Greeting. Know yee that wee Assign you and every of you Joyntly and Severally our Justices to keep our peace in our province of New Hampshire in America, And to keep and cause to be kept all ordinances and statutes made for the good of the peace and for Conservacon of the same; and for the quiett rule and Governmt of our people in all and every the Articles thereof in our said province according to the force, forme and effect of the same, and to Chastise and punish all persons offending agt the forme of those ordinances or statutes; or any of them in the province aforesaid as according to the forme of these ordinances and statutes shall be fitt to be done And to cause to come before you or any of you all those persons who shall threaten any of the people in their person; or in Burneing their Houses to finde sufficient security for the peace or for the Good behavour towards us and the people. And if they shall refuse to finde such security then to cause them to be kept in prison untill they finde such security. Wee have alsoe Assigned ~~you~~ and every three or more of you, whereof any of you the said Wm Partridge, John Hinckes, Nathll ffryer, Robt Elliott, Richard Waldron, John Gerrish, Peter Coffin, Wm Vaughan, Henry Green, Nathll Ware & Samll Penhallow shall be one, our Justices to Enquire by the oath of good and Lawfull men of ye province aforesaid; by whome the truth may be better known of all and all manner of ffellonyes witchcrafts Inchantmts Sorceries Magick And Trespasses, fforestallings, Regrateings [1] Ingrossings & Extortions whatsoever; and of all and singular other Misdeeds and offences, of which Justices of the peace; may or ought Lawfully to inquire by whomsoever or howsoever done or perpetrated; which hereafter shall happen howsoever to be done or attempted in the province aforesaid; and of all those who in the province aforesaid have either gone or ridden or hereafter shall presume to goe or ride in companies with Armed fforce agt the peace to the disturbance of the people. And alsoe all those who in like

1 [Buying provisions for speculative purposes.]

manner have laid in wait, or hereafter shall presume to lie in wait to maim or kill our people ; And alsoe of Inholders, and all and singular other persons who have offended or Attempted, or hereafter shall presume to offend or attempt in the abuse of weights or measures, or in the sale of victuals ; ag^{t} the forme of the ordinances or statutes or any of them in that behalfe made for the Common good of the people in the province aforesaid :

And alsoe of all Sheriffes, Baliffes Stewards, Constables, Goalers & other officers whatsoever, who in the Execucon of their offices about the p^{r}misses or any of them ; have unlawfully demeaned themselves ; or hereafter shall presume unlawfully to demeane themselves ; or have been or hereafter shall be careless remiss or negligent in the province aforesd. And of all and singular Articles and Circumstances and all other things whatsoever, by whomsoever and howsoever, done or perpetrated in the province aforesaid ; or which hereafter shall happen howsoever to be done or Attempted in any wise more fully concerning the truth of the premises or any of them ; And to Inspect all Indictm^{ts} whatsoever soe before you or any of you taken, or to be taken ; or made or taken before others late Justices of the peace in the province aforesaid ; and not as yet determined ; and to make and continue the processes thereupon ag^{t} all and singular persons soe indicted, or which hereafter shall happen to be indicted before you ; untill they are Apprehended render themselves or be outlawed And to hear and determine all and singular the ffelonies, witchcraft, Inchantments, Sorceries, Magick, Arts, Trespasses, fforestallings, Regrateings, Ingrossings, Extortion, Unlawfull Assemblies, Indictm^{ts} aforesaid, and all and singular other the p^{r}misses, according to the laws and statutes of our said province as in like Case hath been used or ought to be done And to Chastise and punish the said persons offending and every of them ffor their offences by ffines, Ransoms, Amerciam^{ts} forfeitures or otherwise, as ought and hath been used to be done according to ye Laws and Customes of our said province, or the forme of the ordinances and statutes aforesaid ; And therefor wee Command you and every of you ; that you diligently intend the keeping of the peace, ordinances, statutes And all and singular other the p^{r}misses, and at certaine days and places ; which you or any such two, or more of you as is aforesaid, shall in that behalfe appoint yee make inquiries upon the p^{r}misses and heare and determine all and singular the p^{r}misses, and performe and fulfill the same in forme aforesaid doeing therein that which to Justice appertaineth, according to the Law & Custome of our said province ; sending to us the Amerciam^{ts} and other things to us thereof belonging. And wee Command by virtue of these presents ; the Sheriffe of our said prov-

ince of New Hampshire that at returne days and places, which you or any such two of you or more of you as afore said shall make known to him as aforesaid he cause to come before you or such two or more of you ; such & soe many good and lawfull men of his Balywick by whome the truth of the p^r^misses may be the better known, and Inquired of —

In Witnesse whereof wee have caused the Seale of our said province to be hereunto affixed. Witnesse, Richard Earle of Bellomont Capt Genl and Govern^r^ in Cheife of our said Province at Portsm^o^ the 16th day of Augt in the 11th year of our Reigne 1699 —

[Endorsed] Coppy of the Comission of the peace for Province of New Hampshire by his Excellency Richd Earle of Bellomont — 1699.

[The men mentioned in the foregoing were sworn in Council August 25, 1699, except Elliott, Atkinson, Partridge, and Waldron. — Ed.]

[1-218]

[*Act for Raising Money to Pay the Public Debts*, 1699.]

Province of New Hampshire } An Act for Raiseing of ffour hundred and Sixty pounds for defrayeing the Publick Charge of this Province/

Wee his Maj^ties^ Most Loyall and dutifull Subjects ; the Lt Govern^r^ Concill and Representatives Conven^d^ in Gener^ll^ Assembly ; for this his Maj^ties^ : Province Considering how much the province is already in Debt ; and other charges daily ariseing ; have Chearfully and unanimously Given and Granted, and doe by these Prosents Give and Grant unto his most Excellent Maj^tie^ : his Heires and Successors, the Sume of ffour hundred and Sixty pounds to be Applyed to the payment of the province Debts ; as are already Due ; and for the Building of a prison ; and nextly for payment of other Charges Daily Arising./

Bee it therefor Enacted and ordained by the Lt Govern^r^ and Councill and Representatives Conven^d^ in Gener^ll^ Assembly, And it is hereby Enacted and ordained by the Authority of the Same ; that a Rate be made on all persons & Estates both Real and personall througout this Province, in proportion to the Sever^ll^ : Townes as foll (to witt) the Towne of Portsm^o^ to pay the Sume of one hundred three pds Seaventeen shill the Towne of Hampton on hundred and thirty Seaven pounds ffive shillings — The Towne of Dover Ninety two pounds twelve shillings — the Towne of Exeter Eighty three pounds

ffourteen shillings the Towne of Newcastle fforty two pounds twelve shillings — And that the Treasurer send out his warrants to the Constables of the respective Townes requireing them to Assemble the Inhabitants, to make Choice of two Assessors (where they are not already Chosen) for the yeare to Joyne with the Select men in makeing the Rate & Assessm^{ts} according to this Act to whome the Treasurer shall alsoe give warrants pursueant hereto; And the Rates and Assessm^{ts} soe made to be Comitted to ye Constables of the respective Townes; by the first day of Aprill next ensueing with warrants from a Justice of peace; and the Select men & Assessors to Collect the same; and pay it in to the Treasurer for the time being by the Last of June then next following: In mony

21st: Nov^{br}: 1699: This bill hath been three times read; passed the Councill; and sent Downe to the House of Representatives for y^{r} Concurrence

Cha: Story Secretary

Three Times Read and Pased by The Assembly

Theodore Attkinson

[2-3]

[Petition of Abraham Clement, of Hampton, for a rehearing in a case wherein he was defendant, and Nathaniel Ayers, of Portsmouth, was plaintiff. Dated June 12, 1700. The petition was granted. — Ed.]

[2-4] [*Assembly Vote relative to Men for New York*, 1701.]

May it pleas your Honours —

Wheras a certaine number of men was appointed by his Majestie to be drawne out of this Province upon any emergencie ffor the Assisting of New York

It is Humbly offered unto your Honours that His Majestie by ffirst opertunitie May throughly be acquainted of our Readines in all Respects Most Readily to observe his Maj^{ts} Comands But Considering the late Warr the small number of our inhabitants and of being a ffronteer unto the ffrench and Indians by which we have bin Much thined of late years And no ways Capable of giveing any Assistance what so ever But rather pray that Considering our own insufficiency of our Selves to Withstand the Incurtions of a publick Enemy And

that had it not bin for the assistance of our neighbours the Masichusits we should of nescesitie have quitted our Stations the last Warr together Considering that as his Majesties Navy is Hence Principally supplied With masts yards &c which is considerable benifit to ye nation Therfore pray that if ever a Warr should breake out anew (which God fforbid) that A Certaine number may be ordred our assistance upon all occations as his Majestie in his great Wisdome may see meet Therefore pray that it may be accordingly Represented unto his Majestie by the first ship that goe ffrom Hence.

By order of the Assembly

Henry Dow Clerk pro tempore.

[Endorsed] A vote about the Quota of men to be sent to New York. circa 1701.

[2–5] [*Order of Council relative to Roger Shaw,* 1701.]

Province of New Hampshr } Whereas Compl^t^ hath been made unto the Lt Govr and Councill by Benj^a^: Shaw, of Hampton that his Sonn Roger Shaw Served as a workman at his Maj^ties^ ffort at Newcastle in the year One Thousand seaven hundred and Ninety Seaven for Some time and found himselfe Dyett and was never paid for the Same Upon Examinaton of the Matter it is found that the mony due for Such his Service remaines in the Constables Hands at Hampton whose Names are Benjamin ffyfeild and Thomas Roby being Constables at the time above menconed.

Pursueant therefor to an Order of Councill of the 16th July 1701: You are hereby forthwith Commanded to Summons the Said Benj^a^: ffyfeild and Thomas Roby to appeare before the Lt Govr and Councill to Morrow at four of the Clock in the afternoon And bring with them their Acc^ts^ how and to whome they paid the publick Mony which they had warr^ts^ to Collect according to Act of Assembly; in Order to adjusting Acc^ts^ with the Treasur^r^ for the Same. And hereof they are not to faile as they will Answer the Contrary at y^r^ ℘ill; and make returne of y^s^ Summons to the Councill Board to Morrow at 4 of ye Clock in ye afternoon Dated at portsm^o^ at the Councill Chamber the 16th July 1701

℘ Order of Lt Govr and Councill

Cha: Story Secretary

To The p^r^sent Constable or Constables of Hampton or each or any of them

Thom^{s} Roby & benjamen fifeld was sumons Acording to the ordr of this sumons by mee Eph^{m} maston Constable of hampton

July the 17: 1701

[Endorsed] 16th July 1701 — Summons for Benj^{a} ffifeild and Thom^{s} Roby to appeare before the Lt Govr & Councill &c.

[2–6] [*Anticipated Trouble at Hampton,* 1701.]

Gent^{n} Ephraim Marstin The Constable of Hampton has given us to understand y^{t} ℘suanc to a Warr^{tt} from ye Treasurer he call'd ye Inhabit^{ts} together to make choice of Assess^{rs} as ye Law Directs but some ill affected ℘sons have given interuption thereto upon pretence that by my L^{ds} Death ye power of Sundry officers is Supposd to Cease. Now to Obviate any misund^{r} Standings on that Ac^{tt} these are to let you know that by my L^{ds} Comission (wch has been Sufficiently Published) incase of his Death or absence the Govern^{t} continues in the hand of ye Lt Govr & incase of his death Or Absence in ye hands of ye Councill untill his Maj^{ties} Pleasure be further known soe y^{t} all officers & Offices continue in statu quo untill alter'd by ye p^{r}s^{t} Authority or ye p^{r}s^{t} power be Superseded by a New Comission from his Maj^{tie}

you are therefore hereby ordred forthwth to proceed in ye makeing ye Rate &c. as ye Law Directs & if any ℘son gives any Interuption thereto to give notice thereof to ye Govr & Councill that y^{e} ℘son offending may be treated according to his Demerit dated at ye Councill Chamber at Portsm^{o} the 7th of Aprill 1701

[Endorsed] Copy of a Letter sent to the Justices of the peace & select men of Hampton the 7th of Aprill 1701: relating to some disturbance likely to Arise y^{r} by reason of the death of the Earle of Bellomont

℘ order of Councill Eodem die —

[2–7] [*Relative to an Indian Claim,* 1701.]

August 29: 1701

May It please your Honours I Have bin desired by three of Kingstowne men to inform your Honours that some Endiens Have bin with them to demand of them mony ffor the lands thay aufure'd them that they would aply themselvs to the authrorytie and then give them

an answer Wherupon the Endiens sayd they would come a gaine a month after the month being nere out Thay Humbly pray your Honours advise What answer to give them : which thay Expect I Will bring Home With me Who is your Honours Most Humble Servant

Henry Dow —

[2–9] [*Queen Anne's Instructions to Governor Dudley*, 1702.]

Anne R. Instructions for our Trusty and Well beloved Joseph Dudley, Esqr our Govern^r : and Commander in Cheife in and over our Province of New Hampshire in New England in America Given at our Court at Saint James the 6th day of Aprill 1702 in the first yeare of our Reigne.

Our will and pleasure is that you permitt the members of our Said Councill to have and enjoy freedome of Debate and Vote in all affaires of Publick concerne that may be debated in Councill.

And altho by our Commission aforesaid wee have thought fitt to direct that any three of our Councill make a Quorum It is nevertheless our will and pleasure that you doe not act with a Quorum of lesse then five Members Except upon Extraordinary Emergencies.

And in the Choice and nomination of the members of our said Councill as also of the principal Officers, Judges, Assistants, Justices, and Sheriffe you are always to take care that they be men of good life, and well affected to our Government & of good Estates and Abilities and not necessitious people or much in Debt.

Our will and pleasure is that you neither Augment nor diminish the number of our said Councill as it is hereby Established nor suspend any of the present Members thereof without good and sufficient Cause and in case of Suspension of any of them you are to cause your reasons for soe doing together with the Charges and proofs against the said persons and their Answers thereunto unless you have some Extraordinary reasons to the contrary be duly entred upon the Councill Books and you are forthwith to transmit the same together with your Reasons for not entering them upon the Councill Books (in case you doe not enter them) unto us and to our Commission^rs for trade and Plantations as aforesaid.

You are also as much as Possible to observe in the Passing of all Laws, that whatever may be Requisite upon each diferent matter be accordingly Provided for by a different Law, without intermixing in one and the same Act such things as have noe proper Relation to each other. And you are more Especially to take care, that noe Clause

or Clauses be inserted in or Annexed to any Act, which shall be fforreigne to what the Title of such respective act Importes.

You are to transmitt Authentick Copyes of all Laws Statutes and Ordinances now in fforce, or which at any time shall be made and Enacted, within our said Province, each of them separately under the Publick Seale unto us and to our said Commissioners for Trade and Plantations within three months or sooner, after their being Enacted together with Duplicates thereof by the next Conveyance upon the paine of our Highest Displeasure. And the fforfeiture of that years Salary wherein you shall at any time, or upon any pretence whatsoever omitt to send over the said Laws and Ordinances aforesaid within the time above limitted, as alsoe of such other penalty as wee shall please to Inflict, but if it shall happen that during time of War noe shipping shall come from our said Province, within three months after the making such Laws Statutes, and Ordinances, whereby the same may be transmitted as aforesaid, then the said Laws Statutes and Ordinances are to be transmitted as aforesaid by the next Conveyance after the making thereof when ever it may happen for our approbation or disallowance of the same. /

[Endorsed] A copy of instructions to Govr Dudley Apr^l 8, 1702.

[2–11] [*Samuel Penhallow to Governor Dudley*, 1703.]

Portsmouth Oct^br 28th 1703 —

May itt please yor Excellency — Yo^rs of the 18th Instant I received butt yesterday and according to yor Excellencys Commands I finisht two coppys of my acctts, and sent them to Mr Adinton [Addington, secretary of Massachusetts] to have them signed, by the imediate post that went hence after yor Excellencys return which I hope long ere now Come to hand: att ye same time I write unto yor Excellency humbly Craveing yor favour of signing the severall orders that were granted in Councill; the particulars of which I also sent Mr Addington from Mr Secretary Storry; which I humbly conceive is all that is att present needfull from me therin I also take notice of yor Excellencys kindness about the payment of my disburstments att the next assembly which I humbly thank you for

The first payment of the Excise Commenced in Septr since which I have ordered Capt Smiths mony to be paid him, the second payment will be in Desemb^r & then I shall take effectual care to remitt itt yor Excellency, and so proceed untill the 200^lbs be Compleated with what arises from the Importation &c

As to the two orders which yor Excellency was pleased to draw upon me for supplying the fortt & Mr Sheafe with colours I would crave yor Excellencys favour therein, of being excused for the present: haveing noe mony of the Province in my hand butt greatly in advance, besides the winter drawing near, the occasion will not be much, and as to the cost itt will not be less than 18^lb however iff itt had been a matter to have served yor Excellencys imediate intrest I should have readily complyed with itt

By the first sloop thatt goes hence I purpose of presenting yor Excellency with a small cask or two of our Piscataqua Pease. If in any thing I can bee servicable unto yor Excellency in these parts, please att all times to comand

Sr Yo^r Excellencys most humble & Ob^t Servt.

Sam^ll Penhallow

Copy

[Endorsed] A copy of my Lett^r sent his Excellency Octob^r 28, 1703

[2–14] [*Colonel Romer's Account for Expenditures on the Fort.*]

		£	S	D
Anno 1703	The Province of New Hampshire to ye Building of Her Maj^ties Fort Willm & Mary on Piscataqua River.			
	To the Conclusion of ye Yare 1703, there was Expend^d to s^d Fort as per Account	41	00	08
An^o 1704 June ye 8	Ordered by a Warrant to Thomas Westbrouck in part payment for Timb^r			
	Delivered to her Maj^ts Fort W^m & Mary	40	00	00
July 6	To Thomas Westbrouck for Kask		03	00
	more in part payment by Warr^ts	30	00	00
Augt 25	To Theodore Atkinson Esqr in part payment for Victulling ye Labor^rs	100	00	00
26	To Wm Brackwell, a Mason as pr Ac'ount	2	09	—
7^br 7	To Mr Jno Gorge Mar^t in Boston as pr Ac'ount	41	15	—
18	To Mr Richd Buckly Marchant	1	10	—
19	To Mr Edwd Togood for Bricks and Lyme	5	04	—
25	To Peter Coffin Esqr in part payment for Timber Deliv^d	20	—	—
26	To John Johnson for Mason Work	4	05	—
Do.	To Mr George Jeffrey Esqr	3	18	—
Octr 5	To Mr William Patridge	1	10	—
13	To Mr Edwd Ayrs ye Smith	2	07	—

	28	To John Johnson	2	06	06
	Do.	To William Chyles [Childs]	1	15	09
	30	To Capt Ichabod Plaisted	9	—	—
9br	4	To Mr James Johnson a Carpenter	1	10	—
	Do.	To Robt Garland for Cutting of Sodds	2	15	—
	Do.	To Mr Timothy Davis as per Account	27	12	—
	6	To Madm Packer for Gondolo hire		06	—
	13	To George Jeffrey Esqr	3	14	—
	14	To Mr Saml Hill for Gondolo hire	4	01	08
	16	To Mr Edwd Togood	2	—	—
	21	To Nathl Stevens for 3 m of Deal Boards	2	14	—
	24	To Mr Daniel Tilton for 3 m of Deal Boards	2	14	—
	Do.	To Mr Wm Watters as pr Account		12	—
	29	To Mr Wm Barckwell		10	06
Xber	5	To Capt Fryer for the Hire of his Negro	7	—	—
	7	To Nathl White		07	04
	14	To Mr Timothy Davis	6	16	—
	19	To the Debety Sheriff Jno Walker		18	—
	20	To Richd Jose Esqr	1	13	—
Jan.	6	To Jonathan Whidden as pr Account	11	12	05
	Do.	To Jonathan Moolton for 10 days Worke		15	—
	8	To John Russell ye Turner for Tampeons & Sundry things	1	07	08
Febry	16	To Mr Theoder Atkinson for Fyne Iron & Nails & as pr accot	9	03	10
May	8	To Mr Jno Hurst ye Smith as pr accts I ordd him by Divers Warrants to ye Treasurer the Sum of	20	—	04
			411	07	05
Anno 1703		Per Contra Credit			
		The Province of New Hampshire Given Credit Towards Building her Majties Fort Wm & Mary on Piscataqua River ye Sum of	450	00	00
		Thomas Westbrouck his acct remains as pr Cash Due to ye Province	3	03	07
		Recd of Collo Romer		03	—
		£	453	06	07
		Paid by myn Warrants £	411	07	05
		Remains in Cash £	41	19	02

Errors Excepted Wolfgang Willm Romer

[2–18] [*John Partridge's Account for Ferriage*, 1704.]

Augst: 30th: 1704

Province newhamshere in newengland

An account of ferige to newcasell of worke men to the fort by verto of a warant from the sheriffe to me John Partridge

Solaman Cotton	Richard morgen	Rowland green
Saml wheden	John folsom	John Loirde
John Cutt twice	Nath folsom	nehe: Levett
mathias Haines	Smith	Robort brian
John Brian	4 men by order of Justs Phips	

John waker 4 times Elisha Bryer 8 times forth and back all feryed ℔ me on the public score John Partridge

Augst 29th 1704 Wee the committee being appointed to auditt the within acctt doe find due to Jno Partridge £0: 10: 6:

Saml Penhallow
John Plaisted

[2–19] [*Meeting of Committee on Allen's Claim.*]

Portsmo June 4th 1704

At a meting of ye Committee for managing ye Affairs of ye Province against ye Claime of Samll Allin Esqr — It is Agreed that ye Committee in ye severall townes use there utmoste Endeavors to Get in what remaining yet due of ye Subscribers: for ye first and second payments and what else they can procure from other well disposed Persons and that some Gentellmen in each towne shall Joyne wth and assist those who were formerly nominated and Impowered vidz

In ye towne of Portsmo Mr Tho Phipps Mr Wm Cotton Mr Go. Walker Mr Jno Cate —

In ye towne of Exeter

Mr Jonathan Thing Mr Byly Dudley Mr Bradstreet Wiggin Left. Jno Gillman Mr Richd Hilton Mr Theop: Smith —

In ye towne of Dover

Left Otho: Tippits [Tibbitts ?] Mr Ezekl: Wintworth Mr Trustrum Herd Capt Nathl Hill Capt James Davis Left Wm ffurber Mr Joseph Smith Mr Jer: Burnam —

In ye towne of Hampton Mr Epharim Maston Mr Jno Gove, Mr Jno Tuck Mr Jonathan Philbreck — In ye towne of NewCastle Mr Wm Wallis Mr Wm Seavey — and that those Gentlemen have

notice to macke returne att ye next meting of ye Committee to be holden in Portsm°: ye first Wednesday in August next att two of ye Clock in ye after noon Mr Jn° Redman to be added for Hampton
Copie

[2–19] [*Roll of Men at the Fort*, 1704.]

Prov. New Hampshire Dr

1704	To the Capt from 17th May to 17th Novemr 1704,	10. —. —
	To the Guner	3. 15. —
	To John Cross att 40s ℔ month	13. —. —
	To James Phillips do	13. —. —
	To Wm Thomas do	13 —. —
	To Francis Shalote do	13. —. —
		65. 15. 0

Fort Wm & Mary's accots

John Usher

4th Decr: 1704. Allowed by the Councill

Cha: Story Secretary

[2–20]

[*John Colman's Appointment as Agent for Prizes in New England*, 1703.]

By the Principall Commissioners for Prises —

Seale

By vertue of the Power & authority to us granted by Her Majties Commission under the Great Seale of England bearing date ye sixteenth day of November last we doe Constitute and apoint you Mr John Colman, and you are hereby Constituted and apointed Her Majtis Agent for Prises at New England & Rhoad Island, with full power warrant and authority to you to doe and performe all and all manner of things, to the said office of agent belonging or apertaining according to such Directions and Instructions as you shall from time to time receive from us or any three or more of us — Given under our hands and the Seale of our office this seventh day of June 1703 In The Second yeare of Her Majties Reigne.

Edward Brereton Antho: Duncumb
Geo: Morley Richard Bretton

[*Appointment of Samuel Penhallow Prize Agent*, 1704.]

These presents doe Witness, That I John Colman by vertue of ye Power In writing to me given and granted by The Hono^ble: The Principall Commissioners, (of which the above is a trew Coppy,) I doe hereby nominate authorise and depute Samuel Penhallow Esqr of Portsmouth in ye Province of New Hampshire, giving unto him full power & authority to doe and performe all and all manner of things to the said office of agent belonging or appertaining according to ye Instructions hereunto anexed.

In witness whereof I the said John Colman have hereunto put my Hand and Seale. Dated in Boston this fourth day of December Anno Domini 1704 and In the Third yeare of ye Reigne of Our Sovereigne Lady Anne Queen over England &c —

Sealed & delivered In the presence of

Henry Sherburne
Wm Colman Jn^r

John Colman. Seal.

[2–21] [*Instructions to Prize Agents*, 1703.]

By ye principall Comiss^rs for Prises —

Instructions for the Agent of Prises at New England —

To take all ships & goods by Indenture.

You are to take care to receive into your Custody all ships & goods brought in as Prize into your ports or any the Creeks or Rivers within the Districts thereof by Indenture under the hands & seals of the Captain Officer Command^r: or Seamen bringing in the same, of which said ship her tackle, apparell Furniture & Stores of Ammunition & provision, and all & singular ye goods wares & Merchandize seized in her you are to make a fair Generall account or Inventory, as you may without breaking of bulk, or unloading the same —

And send Duplicate.

A duplicate whereof under your hand & Seal, you are to returne to us by the first opportunity after your receipt thereof, Together with the name of the ship the place whereto shee properly belongs, the Captains & Masters names and her burthen quality age & built, as farr as you can learn, as also the Captors name, and the time & place of Capture —

To take all the writings in ym

2dly You are to take especial care to make due search, & enquire for and demand, take & receive into your Custody

all bills of Lading, Docquets, Evidences, Charterpartys, Letters, Seabriefs, Passes, Examinations, Proofs and all other writings & papers, whatsoever that shall be delivered up or found aboard of, or belong unto the said ship as shall be brought in as afores[d] which said papers writings &c. all, Captains, officers & seamen bringing in such ships are required to deliver unto you accordingly in order to the Condemnation of such Prise —

Major or cheif Magestrate to Examine ye Ships Company.

3[dly] You are in order hereunto to take especial care, that some persons of good Credit & condition resident at any port or place where any ship shall be brought, within your district (having Commission & Interrogatories from the Court of Admiralty, which if they have not, you are to Informe us thereof, to the end the same be sent.) Do forthwith examine as well the Master & officers of the ships Company seized or any two or three of them that shall be found most knowing, to each point in the said Commission and Interrogatories, specified and also (if there be occation) the Captains Comanders & Seamen bringing in the said Prises to the points they shall be able to answer, and causing full & perfect affidavits to be made by such as have had or Intermeddled with any bill of Lading Doquets, Evidences, Charterpartys, Letters, Seabreifs, Passes, Examinations, proofs & other writings & papers whatsoever that the same are all that came into their or any of their hands respectively and have not been blotted defaced or altered since they so came to their hands respectively All which papers writings bills of lading &c you shall perticularly specify figuring each of them 1, 2, 3 &c to avoid confusion & transmitt them unto us or to a propper Court for Prises if any such be established in New England, or attested Copys thereof, also sealed up, together with the Depositions or answers to the afores[d] Interrogatories with all possible speed or take care they be so transmitted, together with an account of the nature & condition of the Lading whether perishable or not —

About bills of Lading.

To prevent Imbezelments & put waiters aboard.

4th[ly] You are to prevent & hinder, (as much as in you lyes) all embezelments & wastes that may by fraud or neglect be comitted or happen to any ship or goods so put into your Custody by making tight & sound any cask, or stoping any leakage that you can come at, & placing sufficient honest waiters on board, you shall seal up a ıd secure the hatches, port holes and other places by which such goods might be Imbezeled & have a diligent eye yourself for the security thereof, and you shall require the assistance of any officer or subject, of her Maj[tie] resident at your port, or within the districts thereof where it shall be necessary either for the discovery of such practices or securing any the goods belonging to your charge or the

To require assistance of all officers

persons offending in the premisses, and you are authorised to seize such goods & proceed in the punishm^t of such offenders according to Law & give us notice of your actings herein

To seize the offenders &c

5th^ly Having so examined Inventoried & secured the premises as aforesaid & given an account thereof to us or to a propper Court of Prises as aforesaid you are (if any oppertunity offers itselfe, and it may best serve the Interest of Her Maj^tie & the Captors, to hyre & contract with Seamen & Marriners to Navigate the said ship, from any of your Ports or Creeks to England & send us the rates by you agreed upon, & an acco^t of moneys payable to the respective persons employed by you in such service & you are to deliver such ship by Indenture for her Maj^ties use as you received her, sealing up a Duplicate of said Indenture, & Inventory thereof and send the same to us, with a Certificate in w^t Condition the ship & goods were at the time of the delivery. A Duplicate whereof you are likewise to returne unto us, with a full account of your proceedings, and in case you shall at any time find sufficient cause, not to send any such Prise ship to England, you are forthwith to certifie the same unto us with the reasons thereof, when you have carefully & exactly Inventoried & taken a just account of such ships their Tackle, Furniture Apparell as also the lading and ꝑticular sort of goods, & when they are legally Condemned you are to expose the same to sale, at such times & in such manner as shall be likely to procure the most advantagious price, and the produce you are to ship & send to us home, on good Ships in such Comoditys as may probably come to a good market, in England or in pieces of Eight or bills of Exchange, as you shall judge will turne best to acco^t & advantage, and for whatever you ship take five bills of Lading & Consigne them to us for Her Maj^ties use, & on her resq^t and send us three of them by distinct Conveyances, & let us have full & frequent advices of all your proceedings in this matter, but in cases of absolute necessity & where the Prise Ships or their Lading shall appear upon oath of two or more honest & understanding persons to be perishable, you may after due appraisement thereof made upon the oath of five honest persons well skill'd in such like matters dispose thereof according to the Tenour & power of a Commission from the high Court of Admiralty to that purpose wherein you are to act in Concurrence with the Captor —

To hyre men to bring about the ships &c

6th^ly You shall frequently send unto us a ꝑticular acco^t of your charge & disbursm^ts in the service wch you shall make up distinctly to comprehend the several sums laid out upon every ꝑticular ship or goods, from the time of their Capture to the time of their being discharged or otherwise disposed

To send acots of all Charges of every ship

of. That so Her Maj^tie^ may not suffer any loss through the want of Information of the Charges which shall happen, upon every ℘ticular ship & Cargo (which if they be restored deposited or condemned) must be applyed properly to each particular ship. And you are to take ℘ticular care to observe in the acc^ts^ you send concerning the Prises brought into your Ports the method herewith sent you, as far as relates to you —

7th^ly^ & lastly you are to observe such further directions from time to time as you shall receive from our board concerning Prises —

Prise Office 9th of June 1703.

Edward Brereton
George Morley
Richard Breton

[2–22] [*Documents relative to the Seizure of a French Ship.*]

Boston New England Decr 14th 1704.

Delivered unto Mr John Colman Her Maj^ties^ Agent for Prises a ffrench ship Laden with dry fish and some Trane Oyle Named the St John Baptist, Marston Salaberry Late Master, Taken by my selfe & Comp^a^ In Her Maj^ties^ ship Advice neere the banks of Newfoundland & here brought in, as witness my hand and seale, the day & yeare above written — [No signature or seal.]

[*Ibid.*] Boston New England Decb^r^ 14th 1704.

Received of Capt Salmon Morris Comand^r^ of her Maj^ts^ Ship the Advice, a Prize Ship taken by him, and brought into this Port Loaden with dry fish, and some Traine Oyl, by Computation twelve hundred qu'tlls of fish, and Eighteen hhd^s^ Oyl ; to bee disposd off for acc^tt^ of her majesty and the Captors ; as witness my hand and seale the day and yeare above written.

John Colman } Seal
Ag^t^ for Prizes }

Copia —

[*Ibid.*] Portsm^o^ : Piscataqua Janu^a^ 1704 [1705, N. S.]

Whereas we whose names are hereunto subscribed were belonging unto & present aboard Her Maj^ties^ Ship Advice Capt Salmon Morris Commander at the Taking the Ship St John Baptist, Marston Salaberry Late Master (Laden with Dry fish and Oyle from Newfoundland & bound to Bayone) which said Ship & Cargoe was Carried into the Port of Boston in New England & there Condemned.

we doe acknowledge to have rec^d^ of Mr John Colman Her Maj^ties^

agent for Prises, our full parts or shares of the said ship & Cargoe according to Her Maj^{ties} Most Gratious Declaration of the first day of June 1702, as witness our hands — [No signatures.]

[2-25]

[The original of the following seems to be in the handwriting of Samuel Penhallow. — Ed.]

Some few Directions recomended for the advancement of Piety, and Suppresing of Vice, Reduced under three heads, vizt magistrates, ministers & people.

I. Magistrates, who are under a Solemn oath, and should therefore make conscience of discharging their duty accordingly.

1. It was a great and awfull Speech which his late Majesty, and Representatives in Parliament, Declared; vizt that ye Debauchery and prophaness of ye nation is principally oweing to ye negligence of magistrates in ye Execution of their office, and their ill example.

2. Tho the fear of ye law meerly, dos not make a man a true Christian; yet great good may bee done thereby: and such as are restrained from doing evill out of fear of Punishment, may, in a little time become vertuous.

3. Wee have ground to hope, that if ye Edg of ye law and authority of ye magistrate, bee turned agst immorality and prophaness, God will not look upon our sins to bee national, and so may prevent those judgments, which otherwise they will bring upon us.

II. Ministers, who should stir up Magistrates and people, unto a zealous, and speedy observation of their Duty.

2. That they instruct ye Youth in ye Principles of Religion; for its much to bee feared that the unchristian practices, wee see, and hear of, do very much proceed from want of a good foundation.

3. That they appoint Deacons in their severall churches who if industrious in visiting of families &c will be greatly instrumental to ye carrying on this noble work of reformation with great success.

III. People, who should labour to gett officers, especially Constables and Grandjury-men, that are well qualifyd; In England, and Ireland, many religious men have voluntarily taken upon them such offices, purely to prevent publick disorders, and to cause a reformation in morals.

2. That altho they may, and must expect to meet with great difficulties, and opposition, especially att first; yett by how much the greater they are, by so much the greater will their reward bee att last.

3. That to be called an Informer for ye suppressing of immorality,

and vice, wherein ye glory of God is so imediately concerned, is so far from being odious in the judgment of sober men, that it will tend unto a man's honour and reputation. Vertue was never yett attained, without some labour and difficulty, and ye more difficulty wee meet with, in this noble design, our success wilbe ye more glorious. Besides that man's religion hangs but loose, which is in danger of having it shaken off by a small gust.

It's strange to think, that Dissenters, who of late years have been characterized from churchmen for their holy, and religious Lives; should be so backward, and remiss, as to lett y^m have the start in reformation of maners, and promoting of godliness.

For Encouragement, wee have ye Laws of God, and the nation of England, as well as ye Laws of this Province; the Declaration, of their late Maj^ts and Representatives in Parliament, as well as ye Royall Proclamation of our present Queen: the Publick approbation of Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and Judges of both Kingdoms; of ye nobility, and clergy of the [word illegible] besides the great benefitt that have accrued in the visible effects; and ye great comfort that att last will redound to our own Consciences.

Jan'ry 5th 1704–5.

[2–28] [*Relative to the Post Rider to Boston,* 1705.]

Portsmouth, 25 April: 1705

By The Governor & Council

Upon Complaint of several Gentlemen & Merchants of this province that the post is less serviceable because his arrivall in this place being every week on the Wednesday & his return to Boston not untill Saturday night yet he takes his departure from hence frequently on thirsday whereby the answers of many letters & business thereupon is delayed and obstructed. — It is hereby ordered That the Postmaster in this place do not deliver the bagg to the Riding post till friday morning ten of the clock upon any pretence whatever — that all persons concerned therein may be made Certain of the time and their afairs not suffer thereby, & the secretary is hereby ordered to post up a Copy of this order in the post House that due notice & observance thereto may be had for the future —

Read in Council the 25th April 1705 & allowed off —

Cha: Story Secretary —

[The records of Council as printed in Vol. II. make no mention of any meeting between April 3 and May 8 of that year. — Ed.]

[2–29]

[*Commission to Jaffrey and Penhallow, to Appraise the Sloop Dolphin,* 1705.]

Province of New Hampshire in New England } By His Excellency Joseph Dudley Esqr Governour, and Comander in Cheife in and over her Maj^ties^ province of New Hampshire in New England, and Vice Admiral of the same.

Province Seal. To George Jaffrey and Samuel Penhallow both of Portsmouth in said Province Esq^rs^ Greeting. — Whereas Robert Elliott Esqr one of the Cheife owners of the sloop Dolphin now in the River of Piscataqua, John Hollicome Master, burthen about thirty four Tunns made application unto me that the said sloop in comeing from Barbadoes on her voyage to Piscataqua in said province, was taken by a ffrench shipp goeing from Pettiguavos to Old ffrance, and that the said Master bought the said sloop and Cargoe of the ffrench and sent a Hostage for payment of the money being ffour hundred & tenn pounds sterling and there being several Quantitys of ffreight Goods on board the said sloop, the said Robert Elliott prays that a warrant of Appointment may be directed to the said George Jaffrey and Samuel Penhallow Esq^rs^ for the Appraising the said Sloop Tackle Apparell and ffurniture to her belonging as Alsoe her Cargoe.

I doe therefore hereby give unto you the said George Jaffrey and Samuell Penhallow, full power and Authority to value and Apprize the said Sloop with her Tackle, Apparell, and ffurniture to her belonging, as alsoe her Cargoe, on Board of or on Shoare justly and ffairly, according to the best of your witts, skill and Cunning, Impartially without favour or Affection to any person and make Returne of your doings herein into the Secretaryes office for the said Province of New Hampshire, at or before the twenty ninth day of January next ensuing.

And hereof faile not. Given under my hand and the seale of this her Majesties Province at Portsm^o^ the eighteenth day of December in the fourth yeare of Queen Ann^s^ Reigne that now is over England, & Annoque Dom. 1705 J. Dudley.

[Addressed] To Charles Story Esqr Secretary New Hampshire — J. Dudley, ffrank

[For description of the province seal see Vol. II. pp. 466–469. — Ed.]

[2-33] [*Captain Shadrach Walton's Petition*, 1706.]

To the Honble John Usher Esqr Lt Governour & the Honble Councill now Sitting at New Castle in the province of Newhampshire in New England/

The humble Petition of Shadrach Walton Humbly Sheweth — That yor petitioner hath served her Maj^tie as Capt and Gunner of her Maj^ties ffourt William and Mary att New Castle, from the Twenty first Day of November 1704: untill the Twenty fifth day of March 1706 being sixteen months, and four Days, and my wages according the Establishm^t amounts to Thirty Saven pounds and yor petition^r humbly prayes that care may be taken and orders given for the payment of the same — And your petition^r as in Duty bound shall ever pray

Shadrach Walton

[2-34] [*Letter from Governor Dudley, January*, 1707, *N. S.*]

Boston, 31st January 1706.

Gentlemen, I am in great care for Colonel Hilton & the forces marcht with him, I hope they may be at Casco but I doubt whether they will be able to march further for want of Ice, & have therefore written to Colonel Hilton if the season Continue open to return. I desire you forthwith to Express the letter to Captain Moody by a sutable vessel, who may bring back any, sick or lame men not fit to march by land. I desire you will not delay sending the vessel with four or five men who will be sufficient.

I am Gentlemen your humble serv^t

J Dudley

[Superscribed] On her Majestys Service To Mr Secretary Story to be communicated to the Gentlemen of her Majestys Council New Hampshire — J. Dudley —

[2-35] [*Governor Dudley to Treasurer Penhallow*, 1707, *N. S.*]

Sr There being so great a likelyhood that we may find the enemy on Kenebeck river I have directed Colonel Hilton with a Brigantine & two sloops & ten whaleboats to proceed from your river, & have ordered Chesley with thirty men for your Quota you must take care that provisions be accordingly provided for them & desire the Gentle-

men of the Council to assist & encourage Colonel Hilton in the service. I am S^r your humble serv^t

Boston, 13, feb^r 1706. J Dudley

[Addressed] To the Honorable Samuel Penhallow Esq Treasurer of her Majestys province of New Hampshire

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[2-37]

[*Robert Elliott's Deposition concerning Jamaica Expedition.*]

Province of New Hampshire } Portsmouth October 21st 1707

Robert Ellott Esqr of her Maj^ties Council that in the 1702 ; he was always present with Colonel Dudley her Majesties Governour of this province in Council and otherwise as Assistant as he could in her Majestys Service to help forward the Expedition to Jamaica of a foot Company under Capt Shadrach Walton who with his Company was by the Governour Armed and Cloathed, and a Sloop hired, Mann^d and Vitualled to transport them to Jamaica and that when they were ready to Saile Capt Walton desired that he might have two or four great Gunns for the Sloop, the Governour being then Newly entred upon the Government discoursed the matter in Council, and acquainted the Gentlemen what he had done towards the Raiseing & transportation of those men and that he could doe noe more. Whereupon he was advised at the Board, Colonel partridge being then Lieu^t Governour and Captaine Hinks Capt of the ffort present alsoe that there was two Minions, four pounders, that lay at the ffort not belonging to her Majesties Artillery, but left there by the Late Governour or Collector being part of a Seizure brought into this Government for Contraband Goods on Board and useless at the ffort, and it was Several times discoursed in Council and acceptable there that the Said two Minions here put on Board the Sloop for which the Master was to pay Twenty pounds as he remembers or the Gunn to be restored, but the Vesall was Sometime after taken and the Said Gunns lost, he very well Remembers that the Council were of opinion that the use of those Gunns was Necessary for the Queens Service as that time that Colonel partridge and Capt Hinkes were constantly at Council alwayes Consulting with the Governour and perticulerly in this matter and he is now lately Informed that Colonel partridge Complaines of this as a Breach upon her Majestie interest which I verily believe noe man was more forward in this matter than himselfe.

Sworne in Council before the Judges of the Superiour Court 21st october 1707 Cha Story Secretary

[2–39] [*Relative to a Libel on Governor Dudley.*]

Province of Newhamsh^{r}

Portsm^{o} Decb^{r} 2^{d} 1707

Whereas ye grand Jury hath taken notice of a Scandalous libel, lately spread abroad in this Province in ye Nature of a letter, Subscribed by Robert Armstrong, printed in a paper late brought from England called ye observatur very much tending to ye defamation of his Excellency ye Govr in his administration here. — and whereas we are well Informed that Robert Armstron ye Supposed author of the aforesaid letter has been called for before her Maj^{ts} Councell and Jus^{ts} of the Superiour Court to answer for ye Same; whose answer was, that he neither directly nor indirectly writ any Such letter, but that to his Knowlidge ye Articles concerning ye Governours Male administration in Said letter mentioned, are false, and that ye Said is a forgery Imposed on him.

The grand Jury therefore presents ye Said Paper or letter as a Scandalous libel and humbly leave itt to her Maj^{ts} Jus^{ts} now Sitting to doe therein what is proper to Vendicate his Excellency the Govr from Such a Villanous Columny, and prevent ye Like for the future

Morrice Hobbs, foreman and in behalf of ye Rest

province of Newhamsh^{r}

Att her Maj^{ts} Court of Quarter Sessions held att Portsm^{o} the 2^{d}— of Decemb^{r} 1707.

Whereas ye Grand Jury hath presented a Scandalous libel spread abroad this Province tending to the Defamation of his Excellency Col Joseph Dudley Esqr our Present Governour in his administrations within this Government and itt So appearing to us,

Ordered, that the Said Scandalous libel bee forthwith burnt in Some Publick Place, by ye common hangman or ether ye Sheriffs officer, and that Publick notice bee then given to forbid all persons within this Province from being concered in any evill practices of this Nature for ye future on penalty of being proceeded against wth utmost Severity of Law; and that ye Sheriff take care to See this order effectually preformed

Vera Copia ℘ Curiam, Henry Peny Cla^{r}

Decb^{r} 3^{d} this day ye above order was fully Executed, and Said libel in ye Publick market Place burnt by ye comon hangman.

[2-44] [*Captain Pearson's Receipt*, 1708.]

Rec^{d} of Jeremiah Gilman Subsistance for three men twenty days, and six horses eight nights, and sixteen horses four nights Being in Her Maj^{ties} Services Belonging to the Troop under my Command September ye 6: day 1708 At Exeter. John Peirson Capt

Allowed thirty shillings

[2-44] [*Petition from Inhabitants of Greenland.*]

To his Excellency Joseph Dudley Esqr Govern^{r} & Command^{r} in cheif in and over her Majesties Province of N: Hamp^{r} &c, & to the Honourable her Majesties Council now setting in Portsmo. the address and Petition of the Inhabitants of Greenland humbly sheweth — That whereas the Inhabitants of Portsm^{o}: have discharged yor Petitioners from contributing to the maintenance of the Minister of the Town and have thereby kindly incouraged yor Petitioners to call a Minister to preach the Gospell amoungst themselves, and yet wanting power and authority to make any assessment to raise money for his support, and other necessary charges, humbly pray yor Excellency & their Honours to appoint a Committee for that end as to yor Excellency and Honours shall seem most meet, so yor Petitioners shall always pray as in duty bound &c

Portsm^{o} Decb^{r} 5, 1709.

Sam^{ll} Weeks John Cate Nathanel Hugens
John Whitten Daniel Alien

for and in ye behalf of ye rest of ye inabitants

Council Chamber

Portsm^{o} 6 of Decemb^{r} 1709 — In answer to the Petition of ye Inhabitants of ye Parish of Greenland —

Ordered that the said parish be and hereby is made a distinct parish to choose and maintaine their own Minister distinct from the other and head parish of Portsm^{o} and shall be discharged from any vote or Influence into the affairs of the Church or Minister of the said Church in portsm^{o} And further the Inhabitants of Greenland are hereby Impowered from henceforth to hold a Meeting of the Inhabitants on the first Wednesday in March Annually to choose three free holders of the said parish who shall be Assessors to lay the tax Annually for the support of their Minister

which three Assessors shall Assess the said Inhabitants Equally for soe much as the Inhabitants have or shall Grant to the Minister over and above what the Town of Portsm° have and doe always Allow them which is their proportion of one hundred pounds for the whole Town. The said Tax soe made shall be committed to writeing under their hands and gett the same signed by a Justice of the peace of the province and Comitt the same to the Constable of the said parish who is hereby Impowered and required to collect and pay the said Mony to the Incumbent Minister as it shall be directed by the parish meeting abovesaid

past in Council Cha : Story
Secretary

[In Council records, as printed in Vol. II., there is no record of any meeting between November 21, 1709, and June 3, 1710. The records of the Council and Assembly, as printed in Vol. III., make no mention of the foregoing petition. — Ed.]

[2–46]

[*Instructions from Queen Anne to Governor Dudley, February* 6, 1711.]

[The following is a copy in full of the document printed in part in Vol. III. pp. 480, 481. — Ed.]

Sigills

Anne R.

Instructions for our Trusty and Wellbeloved Joseph Dudley Esqr Our Captain General and Commander in Chief of Our Provinces of the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire in America — Given at Our Court at St James's the Sixth day of February 1710/11 in the Ninth year of Our Reign —

Herewith we send you a Duplicate of our Instructions to our Governor of New York relating to a Resolution we have taken for the Reduction of Canada, and Newfoundland, by which you will perceive our Intentions, and to which we Referr you in all things, as fully as if the same were again particularly Repeated in these Our Instructions. And Our Will and Pleasure is, that you do in all respects Conform your self thereunto, and give your aid and Assistance to all the several matters & things therein Contained, as if the same were in these presents repeated & particularly Ordered and Directed Our Will and pleasure further is, That you do observe & perform the several matters & things herein after Contained on your part to be performed & observed —

1. — We hereby Direct That at least one thousand able Bodyed Men be raised by you in New England, and that the s^d men be well Disciplined and exercised; and if you shall want any Experienced officers for that purpose Our Governor of New York will spare you some of the Serjeants we have Ordered thither by these Ships. And if there be any want of arms or amunition you will receive the same by the Squadron we intend to send to New England which may arrive there about the latter end of April next —

2. — That you provide Transports Provisions and other necessarys for the s^d Thousand Forces to be Ready at the arrival of the Squadron at Piscataqua, and also several flat bottomed Boats for the Landing our Troops at Quebec, or other place where there may be occasion to Land, the s^d flat bottomed Boats to hold sixty men each — We also direct — That several vessels of Fifty or Sixty Tonns each be provided, good Sailers, to be sent up the s^d River Canada with Land Forces as occasion may offer —

3. — We do hereby Direct That you provide a number of good & Experienced pilots who have Knowledge of the Navigation in the River Canada, to be put on Board our Ships of Warr in Order to Conduct them safely to Quebec —

4. — That you provide a good number of Artificers as Masons, Carpenters, Smiths and Workmen for building and repairing of houses & Fortifications, and Tools fitting for that purpose, and that you provide a quantity of Pick axes Shovels Spades & Materials necessary for the Removing of Earth, or making of works, and in Regard Our Ships of War and Transports will be full ships We direct that you do provide Transports for such Workmen tools and materials —

5. — Our will and pleasure is That you do in our Name acquaint the several Councils & assemblys of New England of what service it will be to them & their posterity to support this Expedition, Concealing the Design as long as possible least the knowledge of it Coming to the Enemy may produce very Ill Effects —

6. — It is our will and pleasure that all Imaginable Assistance, Supply and Support be given to our Garrison of Port Royal, now called Annapolis Royal in case of any attempt thereupon before the arrival of our s^d Squadron at New England; and that Our Trusty and Wellbeloved Samuel Vetch Esqr do Command our Forces raised in New England, and that you place under him such Experienced Officers of whom you have knowledge are persons fitting for this service

7. — It is also necessary That you engage some Persons who have used the Trade to Quebec and the River Canada — And also some

who have been on shoar at Quebec and are acquainted with the Town and Fortifications, and with the nature of the ground lying about and near the s^d^ Fort and Fortifications as also with the other places of strength in or near the s^d^ River Canada belonging to the French to attend the Command^r^ in Chief of Our Forces sent from hence, in order to give him from time to time such Information of the State and Condition of those places, as shall be necessary for his proceeding to the Reducing of those places —

8. — You are also to consider whither in case Our Forces shall be obliged to break ground, and make a formal Seige at Quebec, or to Land, and sit down before any other place in Canada, there may be occasion for the assistance of some Indians to look out and Scour the Woods near where our Forces do encamp themselves; And also to furnish them with Fewell, & to kill them fresh provisions & to give them such other assistance, or render them such other service, as they are Capable of —

9. — And Forasmuch as the Success of this Expedition depends on keeping the same secret, for which reason We have Communicated Our Resolution only to two of our principal Secretarys of State & from the necessity of Concealing the same, We are deprived of the Information We might have had in order to have given you more particular Instructions; We therefore expect That you and Our Governor of New York do supply the same, by Our Governor of New York Informing himself fully what is further necessary to be directed & provided in respect of the Forces and Indians that are to proceed from Albany, and what measures and methods they intend to take in the Expedition from thence, and under what Rules Orders and Directions the s^d^ Forces and Indians are put, and to Transmit the same to you in order to be Communicated and Delivered over to ye Commander in Chief of Our Forces upon his Arrival at New England; and that you take all opportunitys and use all Skill and Diligence to obtain necessary informations of the Condition of the Enemy, and how they are to be attackt, and to state the same as it appears to you (and to which you give credit) to our said Commander in Chief of Our Forces upon his arrival at New Englnnd. And that you do make all provision according to such Informations that Our Command^r^ in Chief may not be destitute of any assistance necessary to carry on this work. —

10. — We are Sensible of the charge our good Subjects of New England, New York, and the Territories and provinces Depending thereon, have lately been at in Expectation of the like attempt upon Canada, and in Reducing of Port Royal. And notwithstanding it is apparent what good & beneficial effects the s^d^ Expedition (if it

prove successful) will produce to our said Subjects; yet we not designing to lay a greater Burden on our s^d^ Subjects, than they ought reasonably to Bear, Our Intentions are to ease them in a great part thereof. And therefore — We do Direct That whatever you, or Our Governor of New York do find necessary to be provided, and to the provision of which Our Subjects there do not or will not Contribute, that both of you do in your Respective Governments provide the same, that this undertaking may not in any wise be Disappointed for want of such provisions. And we will direct Our Commissioners of Our Treasury to make due and punctual payment of such sum & sums of Money as you, or Our s^d^ Governor of New York shall Expend, or cause to be Expended in & about the same And that Our s^d^ Subjects may have due Encouragem^t^ Zealously to Joyn in this undertaking, and bring the same to effect We do hereby promise upon Our Royal Word, that as to such person or persons who shall be Entertained in this Service, and shall Distinguish themselves upon this Occasion, that out of the Lands and Territorys of Our Countrey of Canada, which shall be Reduced to Our Obedience, We will (if they Desire the same) grant unto such Our Loving Subjects who shall be Employed as afores^d^ houses Lands privileges & Immunitys which shall be for the support and benefit of them and their posterity; And that as to what plunder or Booty may be got in this Expedition We will give ample Instructions to the Commander in Chief of Our Forces, who shall go from hence to Indulge Our Loving Subjects therein, and apportion the same justly and Equally amongst Our said Subjects according to the service by them respectively performed —

12. — Our further will and pleasure is and We do hereby authorize you to demand take & receive from the Receivers General of any of our Revenues in the provinces under your Government such sum and sums of money as shall be in their hands for our use, and of which you shall have Occasion to Carry on this Service; And We will order Our Commissioners of Our Treasury to give proper Directions for discharging Our s^d^ Receivers of so much money as you shall receive from them —

13. — Our Will and pleasure further is That for one whole month from the Arrival of Our Ships the Leopard and Saphire there be an Embargo on all packet boats and other Ships and Vessels whatsoever bound from any part of the Continent of North America for Europe, to prevent any advice of the preperations you are making in Pursuance of these our Instructions provided such an Embargo can be laid without any Real prejudice to Trade or Occasioning too great Clamour. And you are to signify this Our pleasure to the several Governours of Our plantations and Colonys on the said Continent who are hereby

Required Strictly to observe the same, and put Our Orders in Execution accordingly —

A. R. [Anne Regina.]

[See Vol. III. pp. 478–488, 492, 493, 497; Vol. II. p. 629. — Ed.]

[2–48] [*Return of the Laying Out of a Highway*, 1711.]

Province } Her Majestys Gen[l] Sessions of the Peace this 6th
New Hamp. } Day of March 1710–11 —

Present — John Plaisted Sam[ll] Penhallow Cha: Story Joseph Smith George Vaughan — Theo. Atkinson James Davis Theo. Dudley Esq[rs] Justice Shr: & Clr.

There having sev[ll] Complaints been made about the want of Roads from Town to Town being Laid out thro. out s[d] Province —

Ordered that a Committee be appointed out of each Town to run such road wayes as they shall think fit & Convenient where there is none already Laid out from Town to Town in each Town of this Province & y[t] they make return unto y[e] next sessions of their Proceedings Laying them each four rod broad y[e] select men of each Town paying y[e] Persons so going five shilling p. Diem every Day spent in such service —

For Portsm[o]	Cap[t] Hunking Cap[t] Vaughan Cap[t] Pickerin	Dover	Cap[t] Tuttle Cap[t] Davis Joseph Jones
Hampton	Maj[r] Smith Jn[o] Gove Cap[t] Wingate	Exiter	Cap[t] Jona. Thing L[t] Jona. Wadleigh
New Castle	Jotham Odiorne		

Vera Copia Benj[a] Gambling —

. . . and from Lamperell river as strait as it may be to y[e] old Bridge by y[e] moat so as y[e] way goes to Graves his Land thence to the falls to make the whole four rods wide — and there y[e] way is to open on y[e] Left near Stimpsons & at Robert Huggins his house so at W[m] Jacksons pasture to y[e] head of Jacksons Creek strait as y[e] old road went then Joseph Jenkins to open on y[e] Left & all others to make y[e] way four rods wide to Fields Garrison & to Cap[t] Gerrishes Grist mill as y[e] way goes to Cochecho till it goes to Eben[r] Varneys Corner ag[t]

Tristram Heards house where the way turns which is to be cut of to make it four rods wide till it goes to Ezekiel Wentworths Garrison so along ye open road both to Quomphegan & Salmon falls —

The aforegoing is part of a copy for laying out road &c taken from a copy on file with Dover Town Records —

Copy^d & Exam^d By Eph^m Hanson Town Clerk

[2-52] [*Samuel Hart's Bill*, 1712.]

The Province of Newhampshire to Saml Hart D^r

1712 Jen^r 26	To a Chain for a prisoner by Mr Treasurers order 18^lb at 10^d	. . .	0.	15. 0

[2-52] [*Governor Dudley concerning New Castle Bridge.*]

S^r I have before me the address & Aplication of Colonel Walton Mr Atkinson Mr Armstrong & others refering to a bridge from great Iland to the main & Judge it more beneficiall for the Inhabitants both for their ease in peace & security in war, & also serviceable to her majestys Interest in the Goverm^t of the Trade of the river.

I direct you forthwith to Convene the Gentlemen abovesaid at your office & let them know what I write & thereupon prepare the Grant in due form for my signature you must describe the place & what & whose lands the bridge will butt upon — & how lead to the road at east end & engage the slip or draw bridge be pasages for smal craft to pass. There shall be nothing wanting in my power to so good a work. Your serv^t

Roxb. febr. 23, 1712-13 J Dudley

[The original of the foregoing is in Governor Dudley's handwriting, and is addressed "To Chales Story Esqr Portsmouth." — Ed.]

[2-55]

[Order from Governor Dudley to Sheriff Thomas Phipps, to issue a precept for the election of a member of the Assembly from Kingstown, dated May 6, 1714. The return on the reverse states that Samuel Eastman was elected. — Ed.]

[2-56] [*William Fellows's Account.*]

Province of New Hampshire — 1714 Dr

May 6:	To Subsisting Capt Jno Giles & keeping his Horse four days when sent for to be Interpretor to the Indians —	0. 16. 6
June 25.	To ye Councel & Gentlemens Expence at proclaiming ye peace wth Spaine.	0. 5. 0
May 11: 1715	To Committee for Adjusting ye publique accts Expence in meat & drink	1. 13. 7
18:	To Ditto	1. 19. 3
19	To Do	1. 16. 0
		£6. 10. 4

Wm Fellows

[Allowed May 19, 1715. — Ed.]

[2-58]

[*Answer of the Council to the Governor's Letter of January* 17, 1714-15.]

Portsmo 28th January 1714 [O. S.]

May it Pleas your Excelency

The Councell are of opinion wth yor Excelency that its better having ye Select mens accts Laid befoer the Councell & have accordingly ordered ye same to be done the 8th of Febrary —

Wee are glad your Excellency advice about ye Goverment also well Sutes with us being also of ye same mind wth your Excelency to admit of no Inter Regnum but to putt to Silence any Mal Consente we are humbly of opinion that a Proclemation be forthwith Issued to Sattisfie all persons yt ye goverment will be carried on and yt all officers Civil and Millitary exert ye powers given them by theire Commessons: as fully as hittierto they have done and have sent this messnger on purpose to your Excelency to form such a proclemtion as yor Excelency shall think proper, and Joyn with us in it wee pray your Excelency to Dispatch away the mesinger for that wee have adjorned ye Councell to Tuesday next to receive your Excelencys Comands —

Copy By ordr

[See the Governor's letter in Vol. II. p. 666, and the proclamation on page 667. — Ed.]

[2-62] [*Sheriff Phipps concerning the Jail*, 1715.]

Thomas Phipps Sheriff of the Province of New Hamp^r informs the Govern^r Council and Representatives, now mett in Gen^ll Assembly, vizt

That his Majesties Goale in Portsm^o is deficient and unfitt to secure any Prisoner for debt or any crime therefore humbly recommends to consideration that it may be better strengthened, that neither Province nor Sheriff may be in hazard of loss or blame

Portsm^o 21st April 1715. Thom^s: Phipps

In Councill/ upon reading this representation, appointed that Jno Plaisted and Mark Hunking Esqr be a Committee to join with any other two to be appointed by the Representatives to examine the deficiency of the Goale and immediately to cause the same to be repaired and strengthened, the Treasurer to advance money for that use, and if the Committee shall think best to remove s^d Goale they shall pitch upon the place, and proceed to remove the same, adding a lentoe and yard. Thom^s: Phipps ℘ order

22^d April 1715 — Voted in the House of Representatives Major Smith and Mr Atkinson a Comitte to Joyn with the Gent: of the Councell appointed ℘ order Saml Keas C^r

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[2-65] [*Major Joseph Smith's Account for Expresses.*]

Province of New Hamp^r } An account of Expresses sent since May 1714

June 27	Thomas Hains to Newbury	0.	4.	0
July	John Moulton to Exeter	0.	2.	0
Dito	hog to Kingstown	0.	3.	0
Dito	John Moulton to Portsm^o	0.	4.	0
	Samuel Dearborn to Portsm^o	0.	4.	0
	Elisha Smith to Exeter	0.	2.	0
August	Edward towle to Portsmo	0.	4.	0
August	Sent in one day Dow to Portsmo	0.	4.	0
	Smith to Newbury	0.	4.	0
	& Moulton to Exeter	0.	2.	0
Novembr	to Portsmouth	0.	4.	0
	Simone Dow to New Castle	0.	4.	0
	Robert Moulton to Kingstown	0.	3.	0

Caleb Marston Impressed to goe Express to Roxbury to his Excellency hired Jabez Smith in his room	1. 10. 0
	3. 14. 0

May 18th 1715 — Joseph Smith

Allowed —

[2–65] [*Coroner's Fees*, 1714.]

Pro: New Hampr Is Dr — 1714

To the Corronrs ffees for a Corps taken up att N: Castle	£1. 0. 0
To the Constables ffees 0. 6. 6 To the Jury 0. 13. 0 =	0. 19. 0
filing the Inquest	0. 2. 0
	2. 11. 6
To the same for a Corps taken up att Dover	2. 11. 6
	5. 3. –

The two thirds to be paid by the Province 3. 8. 8

Errors Excepted the 18 May 1715

℘ Theo. Atkinson Corronr

[2–66]

[*Action in Massachusetts Legislature relative to Boundary Line*, 1715.]

Boston Decbr the 20th 1715/

I am Commanded by the honble Lieut Governour and Council to acquaint you that they are equally desirous of setling a good understanding between the two Governmts: and that they have in order thereto Pass'd the following Votes in both Houses Vizt: —

In the House of Representatives Decemr: 14th: 1715.

Upon a Motion being made in the House and a Letter received from the honble Lieutenant Governour and Council of the Province of New Hampshire — That the Partition Line between this Province and that may be run to ascertain the Inhabitants bordering thereon where to pay their Taxes and to prevent further differences

Ordered That Colo Samuel Appleton Colo Thomas Noyes and Capt

John Gardner be a Committee fully Impowered in behalfe of this Province to meet and Joine with such Persons as shall be appointed and fully Impowered by the General Court of the said Province of New Hampshire finally to settle and determine the course and running of the said Line Pursuant to the Directions of the Royal Charter of this Province and make Report to this Court The Property of the Lands that have been Improved or laid out to any Person near the said Line to continue and remain to them respectively as now it is on which side soever of the Line they shall happen to fall and his Honour the Lieutenant Govr is Requested to furnish them with Powers necessary to proceed in the affair Pursuant to this vote

Sent up for Concurrence John Burrill Speak^{r}

Decem^{r} 14th 1715/ In Council Read

15th Read and Concurred and John Higginson Esqr added to the Committee in the affair, any three to be a Quorum

Sent down for Concurrence Saml: Woodward Secr^{e}

In the House of Representatives Decem^{r} 15th: Read and Concurred . John Burrill Speak^{r}

And I am likewise ordered to acquaint you that nothing shall at any time be wanting in them to promote the publick good of both Provinces.

By Comand of the hon^{ble} Lieu^{t} Gover^{r} and Council

Saml: Woodward Sec^{ty}:

[2-67] [*Committee Appointed to Settle Boundary Line*, 1716.]

Pro: N Hamp^{r} Portsm^{o} Jan^{ry} 16th 1715/6

Honble Srs By order of the Honble the Lieu^{t} Govr and Councill I have to Inform yor Hon^{rs} that there is a Committe appointed by the Genl Assembly of this Province, (vizt) Saml Penhallow, Mark Hunking, Joseph Smith, Esq^{rs} and Mr Peter Wear, to Joyn wth the Committe Chosen by your Generall Court to Settle & determine the Course and runing of the Partition line between the two Provinces of N Hamp^{r} & Mass^{a}: who were of opinion that the sooner that business is finished the Better —

By Command of the Honble the Lieu^{t} Govr & Councill

R. Waldron Cleric: Con:

To the Honble the Lt Govr and Councill of his Maj^{ties} Pro: of Mass^{a} Humbly P^{ts}

[2-68]

[*Letter from Massachusetts Government relating to the Boundary Line, January*, 1716.]

Boston January 30th 1715 [O. S.]

I am directed by the hon^ble^: Lieu^t^: Governour and Council, in answer to your Letter of the 16th instant to acquaint you That they have speedily Resolved to give Direction to the Committee appointed by this Governm^t^: to treat with yours about the Divisional Line between the two Provinces, of which they will send timely notice and I am likewise directed to assure you That at all times they will be ready to Joine with you in any affairs which may tend to the Preservation of a good Correspondence and the Welfare of both Provinces —

I am y^r^ most obed^t^ hum^ble^ Servt

Saml Woodward Sec^ry^

To the Honble Lieu^t^ Gover^r^ & Council
of the Province of New Hampshire.

[2-71] [*Oyster River, Parish Matters*, 1716.]

[The three documents next following were recently found by the editor among the papers of a man who died some years ago, and were secured for the State. They give much light relative to the early ecclesiastical history of Durham. — Ed.]

We being Convened Together february 20th 1715-16

These are to Certifye al men whome it may Concern That we the subscribers together with the men whome we do make Choyce of do Endeavour to stand by our priviledge in the ministry of the gospell in the Lower part of oyster River and we the Subscribers do make Choyce of and appoint four men or so many of them as shall be needfull namely Serg. Joseph meder Ins. Frances Mathes John Williams and John ambler to try to agree with our neighbours at the head of the River in order to an honourable agreement between us and our neighbours That we may by the blesing of god have the gospell settled amongst us

John Maider his mark

Thomas Edgerly	James Langle	William Pittman
William his H. Pirkins	James Davis Junr	William Wille
Joseph mark Kent	Stephen Jenkens	Joseph Stephenson

John Wille	John Bickford	Samuel Wille
Thomas Footman	John Kent	John Daniall
Thomas Drew	Benjamin Pinder	Samuel Edgerle
Moses Davis Jun.	Benjamin Mathes	Francis Mathes
John Davis sen.	Joseph Hix	Danniel Mishorne
John Wille Jun.	Benjamin Bodge	Nathl Lamos
Edward Wakeham	William Hill	Philip Duty S^{r}
Timothy Daves	Samuel Williams	Philip Duty j^{r}
Nicholas Meder	Thomas Rines	Joseph Meder
Eleazer Bickford	Joseph Bickford	John Williams
William Clay	Willum Wormwood	John Footman
John Edgerley	Salathan Denmoor	Robard Kent
William Glines	Abraham Mathes	Benjamin Footman
John Rand	John Pinder	Joseph Footman
Ichabud Follet	Abraham Stephens	Joseph Daniel jun^{r}
Thomas Davis	Joseph Edgerley	Joseph Jenkins
Daniel Davis	Samuel Davis	Peter Denmor

[Endorsed] Petition ꝑseued by John Ambler In behalf of sundry the Inhabitants of Oyster-river May 2^{d} 1716

[2-72] [*Petition from Inhabitants of Oyster River*, 1716.]

To the Honble Geo: Vaughan Esqr Lt Govr & Command^{r} in Cheif, & to ye Honble the Councill & representatives of his Maj^{tis} Prov: of N. Hamp^{r} Conveened in Genl Assembly —

The Petition of his Maj^{ties} Good subjects sundry ye Inhabitants of ye Parish of oyster river, wthin the township of Dover —

Most Humbly sheweth — That agreeable to yor hon^{rs} resolve, (in Janr last for allowing ye Inhabitants of ye Parish of oyster river till ye first sessions, of ye Genl Assembly, after ye tenth of March next ensuing ye s^{d} Jan^{ry} in ord^{r} to a friendly agreement, & settlem^{t} of ye differences among themselves,) We, the Subscrib^{rs} being Inhabitants of ye s^{d} Parish of oyster river, or ye Maj^{r} part of us, have had a meeting in s^{d} Parish, at wch time & place, we chose a Committee, & impowered them ye s^{d} Committee, as far as in us lay, to meet & treat wth a Committee from our adverse ꝑtie in ord^{r} to ye reconciling all misunderstandings & differences, in s^{d} Parish. The s^{d} Committes had a meeting accordingly: tho' altogether ineffectual & to no purpose, as we find by ye return of ye s^{d} Committee on our behalf: wherefore we ꝑsume once more to address yor hon^{rs} for yor resolves

on this matter, as soon as yor hon^{rs} in yor wisdom shall see meet; (vizt) y^{t} we may be impowered to call a Parish meeting, in ord^{r} to ye doing w^{t} may be necessary & proper for ye obtaining & Setling a Minist^{r} wthin our s^{d} Parish for y^{t} ye means ℘scribed by yor Hon^{rs} for a reconciliation to be made among our selves has proved of none effect & we plainly seeing y^{t} a further suspension of yor Hon^{rs} determination of this matter, will much rather widen, than narrow this breach, INASMUCH, as our cheif end, & design is ye speedy settlem^{t} of a learned & Authordox Minist^{r} among us, that we may no longer be Sheep without A Shepherd, but y^{t} we may be in the use of means for ye Promotion of Christianity, wch is what our neighbours in ye low^{r} part of our Parish are mainly making their Court against, wch is plainly demonstrable, by their overtures made, which they so strenuously stand to for a complyance wth (vizt) y^{t} a minister be treated wth to preach at both Meeting houses, alternately wthin s^{d} Parish, wch is so foreign from reason y^{t} y^{re} is no unprejudiced rationall man, but w^{t} will condemn so impracticable a project. — Our Neighbouring Parish in ye same town wth our selves, are now destitute of a Minist^{r} as we are, who not long since, had a settled ordained Minist^{r} among them, & who left them upon no other consideration than for being urged & solicited, to preach at two Places, wch he said was so unreasonable & hard upon him, as he could not comply wth & thereupon left them; Now can it be reasonable to expect one man to settle und^{r} such disadvantages & hardships, wch was ye Pure cause of ye removal of another; & again, ye requesting a Minist^{r} to preach at two places, is so rare y^{t} tis scarce to be heard of, once in an age, & then you are as certain to have a denyal as y^{t} ye thing was asked wch Considerations (in our opinions) might have been a sufficient disswasive, to our Counter Petitioners, from insisting on so unreasonable a point: & thus ye case stands.

May it Please yor Hon^{rs} —

We who have been at ye charge of ye new meeting house, so far as ye same is built & finished, have offered it to be a Parish house, wth this Proviso, y^{t} all ye Inhabitants wthin s^{d} Parish Joyn wth us in an equal proportion compleatly to furnish it, & agree constantly to maintain ye Public worship of God therein on ye Lords Day, wch s^{d} house stands in ye most Convenient & proper place, wthin s^{d} Parish for ye accommodation of all ye Inhabitants in Genl y^{t} now are, or hereafter may be settled wthin the same; — As to any information wch yor Hon^{rs} may have had, relating to ye Scituation of s^{d} Meeting house its being near ye head line of our Parish, they are false suggestions, for that tis a positive truth, & in no wise to be doubted, y^{t} our New-

Meeting house stands nearer to ye low^{r} part of s^{d} Parish, or next ye sea by two miles, than it doth to our head line, so y^{t} if s^{d} house is not well Scituated, tis because tis not far upw^{d} enough tow^{d} our head line, & its certain y^{t} what further settlem^{ts} there will be in s^{d} Parish, or because most of them will be above s^{d} Meeting house, wch is argued from ye far greater quantity of lands being above, than w^{t} is below s^{d} house —

Nathl Hill	John Chesle	John Burnum
Jeramiah Burnham	William Letheres	John York
Stephen Jones	James Davis his I	Timothy Conner
Joseph Jones	Elias Critchett mark Jn	John his mark × munsie
Jonathan Woodman	Elias Critchett	Timothy his mark I Moses
John Smith	Abraham Connick	Joseph Daniel
Philip Chesle	John Footman	John his × Sias
William Jackson	Samson Doe	John mark Doe
Volentine Hill	Cornalus Drisco	William Duly
Jonathan Tomson	David Kincard	Robert Huckins
Samuel Hill	James Thomas	Robert Tomson
Ichabod Chesle	John his × Gray	John Rawlings
Samuel Chesle Senior	Job mark Renels	John Tomson
Samuel Chesle	Robard Burnnum	William Burly
John his × Runals	Joseph Davis	James Nock
Eley mark Demeret Junr	Willam his × Durgen	Samuel his × Wille
James Jackson	Jonathan mark his × Chesle	John Davies
Thomas Wille	John Buss mark Juner	Joshua Davis
Peter Mason	Edward Letheres Siner	David Daves
James Burnam	James Bassford	Josep Dudy
Thomas Allen	Joseph Chesle	franses his × Petman
John his × Crommet	James Durgin	

[Endorsed] Oysteriver Petition Preferred Aprile 6th 1716 — Minuted

[2-73] [*Oyster River Counter Petition*, 1716.]

To the Honourable Lif[t] Gouvernour Councell and Representatives Convened in generall Assembly

May it please your honours

Whereas our brethren and neighbours with whome we would gladly have had the oppertunity of agreeing according to your honours advice have now made their second address to your honours by way of petition as if they are Rather willing to Invade our priviledg then to comply by a brotherly or neighbourly agreement

We therefore his Majestyes good and orderly subjects — do humbly Answer and Reply against their second petition — as also Intimateing against their disorderly carryings on — thus —

First — If our Late pastor at dover have Left his flock and people — for ends best known between god and himself — and haveing some Infirmity of body did according to his thoughts declare that he supposed that his present Infirmity might come by Reason of his often going between the two meeting houses — We Referr this to your honours Consideration — whether his body was brought down by travell — or whether the fatness and grossness of his body might not rather signifie to us — that more Bodily Exercise might have been helpfull against his Disease — it may be necessary therefore that we may all consider the hand of god in it — that when the people began to trouble one another and to Invade one anothers priviledg then it pleased our god to send our pastor away — for the great Shepherds command is that his pastor sheep should Live in Love — therefore we do humbly hope that your honours will not account this any Reason why their petition should be granted

2 Whereas the Honoured Governour and Councell was pleased to alow us time to make offers of agreement to one another we did offer to our neighbours overlooking their disorder in their building of their meeting hous — that if they would help us to build a Ministers house on the personage — that we would agree that the meeting should be Every other Sabbath day at the new meeting house — and Every other Sabbath day at the old meeting house untill such time as we do build a new one and then to have the meeting continued by turns att the two new meeting houses — and now whereas we have offered so friendly and Brother Like to our neighbours who do Endeavour to Invade our priviledg we humbly hope that your honours may consider that our offer to them is not only fair but that we do condecend and stoop to them in the same — and therefore that you will not see good to put us to any hardships or hazards by granting their petition

3 Whereas our brethern and neighbours with whome we would gladly all along have Joyned if they had gone to work orderly — and had placed their meeting hous something for our conveniency and had not set it so unreasonablly beyond the center of the Inhabitants have now petitioned for a parish meeting we do with Submition to your honours humbly answer — that as they have without order or government built themselves a meetinghouse we do not desire to Invade their priviledg in the same neither are we willing to agree or consent to a parish meeting in order to the Establishing of that meeting house that is Erected and built without Either government or order — but as we have followed the order of our town and have closed with dover and have thereby met with the advantage of mentaining our own priviledg also at oyster Rivir Lower meeting house by the condecention and Labours of the reverend and faithfull mr mathew Short — we do therefore humbly hope that your honours will not see good to deny or deprive us of our priviledg and our Choyce till such time as our neighbours minds do come down to a Christian Complyance

aprill ye 7th 1716

1 ffrancs maths
2 Jno ambler
3 Joseph medor
4 John williams
} in the behalf of the Rest

[2-74]

[*Petition of Sundry Persons to be Joined to the Parish of Oyster River*, 1716.]

To the Honble Gov: Vaughan Esqar Leiut Governor Councell and reperesentativis Conveened in Genrall Asembly —

Most humbly sheweth — That our adverse partey are plesd to say yt we the subscribers hereof who were some of the subscribers at the hed of the rever are without the line of our parrish the line was never run so it tis hard to se whether we are without or not bot ef aney of uos should happen to faal without we humbley pra that we might be Gined to the parrisah of oyster river & yor Petitioners shall ever pray as in Duty bound —

Thomos Wille	Timothy Connel	Franses his + mark Pitman
Ele Demerit	Ele Demerit Juner	James Jackson

[Endorsed] A Petition of Sundry ℙsons to be Joyned to the Parish of Oysteriver May 2d 1716 Not Minuted or read

[2-75] [*Letter from Secretary Woodward. Indian Affairs.*]

Boston June 2d 1716

Honble Sr

By order of the General Court, I herewith send you Copies of their votes, and resolutions upon the present affairs relating to the Indians, & have Commanded me to acquaint you, that they think it adviseable for your government to send Some suitable person to joyne with Mr Watts, and Gyles; the better to strengthen this matter; and that you will be pleas'd to forward by Express the inclos'd packett to Captn Lane at Winter Harbour, & charge this government with the Expence thereof

I am Your Honrs most obedt Humble Servt

Honble: Col^l: Vaughan Sam^ll Woodward Sec^ey

[2-76] [*Secretary Woodward relative to Indians,* 1716.]

Messrs: John Watts and John Gyles

Gent. The Reports of the suspicious carriage of the Indians lately have given such Grounds of Jealousie least they intend mischief against us that the General Court have thought it necessary to dispatch Capt Wm Rouse in the Sloop Endeavour to you, the intention whereof you will see by the Inclosed Vote The General Court have made choice of you to manage this affair and therefore Direct that you use all possible means to speak as soon as may be with some of the Chiefs of the Indians and the Fryor if possible the method whereof is left to you, the Sloop is directed to obey your orders till you dismiss her; If you cannot procure the Indians aforesaid to meet you you may go towards their head Quarters in the Sloop so far as it is navigable and afterwards gain a Passage by Cannoos if you can — When you come to discourse with them You may let them know that We are much surprised at their carriage of late which is so contrary to the Faith and Allegiance in which they have bound themselves that We look upon it as a very ungratefull Return to our kindness in receiving their Submission when reduced to the last Extremitys and when for want of Provisions they lay at our mercy. That We have not sent to them from any fear of the harm they are capable of doing us, but because We are told that they are led away with false and groundless Reports as if there were a War between England and France, that therefore to undeceive them We have sent the printed

Papers lately arrived from Great Britain by which it will appear that the Rebellion in Scotland is wholly at an End that there is a perfect amity and good Correspondence between our King and the Regent of France to maintain which the Regent has ordered the Pretender whom they call King James with his adherents to depart the Dominions of France — These things you may Suggest to them with what else you shall find needfull to keep them in a peaceable Posture, taking care at the same time to keep up the Hounour of the Government and to give them no cause to think We are afraid of them you will endeavour to get Intelligence of their Designs by Private Correspondence or otherwise and keep a Journal of your Proceedings from time to time and transmit the same to myself as opportunity shall offer —

I find the General Court very ready to afford all needfull Protection to your Settlements in case there should be a War, but hope the methods here proposed will be effectual to prevent it and you being looked upon as Interested in a peculiar manner to endeavour the Preservation of the Peace were thought most proper to be improved on this affair the management whereof is therefore committed to your Prudence and Fidility

Copy Exam^{d} pr Saml Woodward Sec^{ey}

[Endorsed] Copy of Watts & Gyles Instructions June 3 1716 —

[2–77]

[*New Hampshire Council to Lieutenant-Governor Taylor*, 1716.]

Pro: N– Hamp^{r}: Portsm^{o}— June 3^{d} 1716 9 aclock night

May it Please yor hon^{r}

I am ordered by the Honble the Lieu^{t} Govr & Councile to Inform your Hon^{r} of the recipt of Mr Secretary Woodwards Lett^{r} to Left^{t} Govr Vaughan bareing date June 3^{d} 1716 by yor Hon^{r} Express from Boston also that Mr Saml Hinks is appointed to joyn wth Messrs Watts & Giles, to Act wth them in behalf of this Goverm^{t} in Discourseing the Indians upon Such heads, as Shall be most proper for the Hon^{r} of these Goverm^{ts} the Inclosed is what is given Mr Hinks for his Instruction he moovs Eastw^{d} early to morrow — I am

yor Hon^{r} Most obed^{t} Hum^{bel} Sarv^{t}

R. Waldron Cleric: Con.

[2-78]

[*Relating to a Sale of a Part of New Hampshire to Sir Charles Hobby, by Samuel Allen.*]

Boston Jan 30, 1715

Sr. having taken Letters of Administration on the Estate of Sr Charles Hobby dd & finding among his Papers Deeds from Allein for half the Province of New Hampshire, as well ye Settled part as the wasts we thought it propper to Acquaint the Government of New Hampshire and give them the Offor of it The Purchase was near 1000lb. Sterling and on their first discourse on the Exchange we were bid one thousand £ hard for it, wh we refused that You might have an Opportunity of putting an end to that Controversy We refer You to Mr Treasurer Penhallow, Whom we have conferrd wth on this head & Desire You to believe that In this as well as in all Other respects We are Your Honours Most Humble and Obedient Servants

Oliver Noyes
Elisha Cooke

To the Honorable George Vaughan Esqr to be Communicated to the General Court —

[Endorsed] A letter from Messrs Noyes & Cook to Lt Govr Vaughan to be communicated to ye assembly dated Jan : 30th 1715/6
Read at ye Councill board febry 3d 1715/6 Minuted

[See Vol. III. p. 631, foot note. — Ed.]

[2-79]

[*Massachusetts Assembly relative to Indian Affairs*, 1716.]

May 31st 1716 In Council

Upon Reading the Expresses from the Eastward giving Just Grounds to suspect the Indians Intend Mischief to our Frontiers which We conclude is fomented by false Reports of a War likely to break out between Great Britain and France It being much for His Majesty's Service, and the Security and Peace of this Province that some Method be immediately taken for undeceiving the Indians in that matter./

Advised That some discreet Person with an Interpreter be forthwith dispatched to their head Quarters to let 'em know that We

Justly take umbrage at the suspicious Words and Deportment that they have lately been guilty of contrary to the Peace established, That we are desirous to remain in Peace, but if they against their Faith and allegiance commit any Hostilities they must expect to be treated as Rebells and Enemies to the Crown of Great Britain — Yet if they act upon Supposal of a War with France We do assure them there is no War to be expected but a perfect amity between the two crowns

That the Pretender has been driven out of Great Britain, his Forces wholly defeated and he with his adherents ordered by the Regent to depart the Dominion of France

Sent down for Concurrence

Jos : Marion Dep^{ty} Sec^{y}

In the House of Representatives June 1st 1716 Read and Concurr'd And further Advised That some British News Papers be sent to be read and Interpreted to the Indians to Satisfy them of Peace between the two crowns

John Burrill Speak^{r}

Copy exam'd pr

Saml Woodward Sec^{y}

[2–80]

[*Instructions to Moody, Envoy to the Norridgwock Indians*, 1716.]

By ye hon^{ble} the Lt Govr —

Capt Saml : Moody

Sr. you being desired & appointed by ye hon^{ble} ye Lt Govr & Councile of ye Prov of Mass^{a} to go unto Norridgwock or elsewhere to the fryar & the body of ye Eastern Indians to Express ye resentm^{t} of ye Goverm^{t} : relateing to an unmannerly lett^{r} wch yy later receved wrote by ye afores^{d} fryer in ye name & behalf of ye Ind^{ns} afores^{d} : & this Goverm^{t} : being disposed to Joyn wth ye Mass^{a} in resenting ye affront do desire & hereby Impow^{r} you to represent them & act in behalf of the same respecting y^{e} ꝑmises you are therefore wth all convenient Speed to make ye best of your way toward Norridgwock or ye other Settlem^{ts} of ye Ind^{ns} where you may have conferrence wth them & the Fryar & when you Shall arrive or come among y^{m} you are to tele them you are a Messeng^{r} from this Gov^{r}m^{t} & y^{t} : w^{t} : Shall be offered to y^{m} : by you are ye words of ye Kings Lt Govr & Councill of N. Hamp^{r} 1mo You may inform them y^{t} it has not been an uncommon thing for the Ind^{ns} in ye borders of this Prov & indeed in ye Centre of

it too to carry y^{m}selves very insolently & to use very menaceing words wch is not Consonant to ye articles of Pacification

2do you may lett y^{m} know y^{t} ye land w^{r}on ye English have built or are building any forts is w^{t} has been heretofore Inhabitted by ye English & y^{t} by their forefathers Consent & desire, & that tis w^{t} they themselves asked in ye time of ye pacification that is to say y^{t} ye English might come & Settle among them as formerly wch cannot be but wth fortifycations to defend y^{m} in case of any Insults or violence offered to them wch dayly Experiences teacheth us the Ind^{ns} allow y^{m}selves in & are very much disposed unto

3^{tio} if they Insist on ye article of their lett^{r} refering to ye building forts on their land you may Quere by w^{t} means ye French came by their lands wch they enjoy at Canada whether is it by purchase or not, by purchase it cant be (according to y^{m}selves) because yy have no pow^{r} to Sell, & if not by purchase how then? by grant or allowance from ye Indians & that we have from y^{m} & a hearty request & desire of ye Same besides & lastly whether ye french dont Erect fortresses when & where yy please wthout giveing y^{m} a reason for it or asking their Consent to it & if yy do So why may not we

4to You may remind them that was one of ye Articles wch ye Signed to when ye peace was made y^{t} all the English Captives then among should be delivered up to ye English & Enquired whether they have fullfilled that article & if not why not

Again as to ye lett^{r} or lett^{rs} mentioned in the fryars Epistle you may inform them that we know nothing thereab^{t}

[Endorsed] Capt Moodys Instructions Augt first 1716.

[2-81]

[*Portsmouth Petition relating to Ministerial Matters*, 1716.]

Province of Newhampshir } to ye honrabell ye Left^{t} govener & Councell of his mags^{ts} province afores^{d}

the humbell petetion of his mags^{ts} Loyall subjects subscribers hereof In behalff of them selves & about an hundred ffamalees belonging to ye old meeting house ye ainchant & standing part of ye towne for Above 60 years past—

may it plees your honers to give us leve to Lay before you, sundry Rongs and great greveances that has and still doe atend your poor peteshoners sundry of which are well knowne to youer honers, & how by ye unjust & so unworthy deallings of sundry persons to subvert & undermin our Ainchant Customs Lawfull methods & privelidges which your peteshoners Injoyed In their forefathers days/ now have so far

brought their designs to pass & as tware [it were] toren the towne in peces/ the sellectmen &c have taken liberty too rais mony at plesheur without ye knolidge or Consent of ye Inhabatants or Law to Justify their actions/ first in ye year 1712 raised and taxed the Inhabatants 90£ & In the year 1713: 140£ & in ye Last years tax 75£ — of their own wills/ more than the acts of the Assemblees/ for which monys so unlawfully Raised sundry of your peteshoners & their Estats seesed & taken by force/ nay further they have taken from youer peteshoners: three or 4 hundred pounds: & as is soposed Improved [used] to help buld them a meeting house/ but not one peny of all ye monys so raised Improved for reparing our meeting house nor providing or procuering a minesters house & school house/ though ye Law comands itt to be don not only ye Law his Exelency Joseph Dudlee the govener & Councill & now the Left^t govener & Councill has made orders there about but all to no purpose they go on still in making towne Rats they say to pay their schoolmaster & other of their on charges ye Inhabatants your pore peteshoners no beniffit of schoolmaster nor Any other charges/ & still to have our mony so taken Away without our consent or haveing Any beniffit or ye least advantige thereby sems very unreasonabell & unjustefyabell/ & not to have our meetinghous schoolhouse minestershouse &c provided & don but all the mony Raised Improved at pleshure seems very unresonabell/ wee have useed all ways & methods to live & obtain peace and too have & Injoy all our ainchaint liberty prevelidges & customs restored by such ways and meens as shall be by youer honers Judged most Just wee have one thing mor to offer & pray for that whearas New Castell has bin made A towne Newington A towne or parish Grenland & Strabery bank waiting/ that Portsm^o so Called above 80 years, & sundry of your peteshoners born & Livers here Above 70 years/ that the bounds of Portsm^o may be stated & patant granted for it with all itts prevelidges humbly pray their bounds may be from ye River on ye north sid Mr Rogers creek or dock so called on A straight Line too pincoms Creek so to pakers bridg thence on ye Easterly sid ye Cunty road to Hamton Line soo to New Castell Line thence to samsons poynt so up the River to ye place whear it first begun — and that ye gore of Land between Hamton Line & New Castell Line bee Inserted In the pattent So pray your honers most humble peteshoners

May ye Second 1716 —

John Pickerin — Geo Walker
Wm Cotton — James Levitt

[Endorsed] A Petition Presented by Mr Geo: Walker May 3^d 1716 — read May 15 Minuted

[See Vol. III. pp. 642, 643. — Ed.]

[2-82]

Portsm° 6th June 1716

May it please yor Honr

I am Comanded by yor Honrable the Lt Govr & Council to accquaint yr Honr wth wtt has ocurred here Since Our missinger went hence Eastwd to Joyn wth yors Vizt yesterday afternoon Bomasseen & another Indn came hither & are bound hence to Boston to wait on yr Honr Say they are Sent by the body of Indns Eastwd to Enquire into the Occasion of the Englishes mistrusting their Fidelity and Suddain removal of the Sloops & Some of their Families &c. inclosed is Coppy of ye minutes of Some discourse between ye Lt Govr & ym but I need give yor Honr no Further trouble in this matter for yt Jo Bane [?] Accompies ym to whome please to be referr'd

I am Yor Honrs Most Obedt humble Servt

R. Waldron Clerics Con.

[Endorsed] Clerk of the Councill Letter to Colo Tailor June 6th 1716.

[2-83] [*Clerk of the Council to Lieutenant-Governor Taylor.*]

Porsm° Augst 3d 1716

May it please yor Honr

I am Commanded by his honr ye Lt Govr & ye Councill to Inform yor Honrs yt according to yor honrs advice abt sending a Suitable ℘son to act in Joynt wth Messrs Moody & watts refering to ye Indns yt yy have desired and appointed Capt moody to act in behalf of this as well as yor Goverm't & have given him Instruction accordingly. I am wth all Dutifull respect —

Yor Honrs Most obedt humble Servt

R. Waldron Cleric Con.

[2-84] [*Joseph Davis relative to the Killing of a Child.*]

To the Honourable George Vaughan Esqr Lieutt Governr & Commandr in Cheif over his Majesties Province of New Hampr — To the Honourable his Majesties Councill and Representatives now mett in Genl Assembly —

The Humble Petition of Joseph Davis Mariner Sheweth,

That whereas ye Petitioner is by the Honble Saml Penhallow Esqr & other his Majesties Justices for this Province this day ordered to be

bound to appear at his Majesties next Super^{r} Court of Judicature to be holden in Portsm^{o} in Febry next, there to answer for his Casual or accidental killing of a child belonging to Seth Ring of the Same place yesterday — Yo^{r} Petitioner having his imployment cheifly at Sea and considering the great length of time between this day and the aboves^{d} Super^{r} Court must of necessity loose any Such his usual business, no persons whatever being willing to be my security if I proceed a voyage least I should not return within that Space Therefore humbly prays that you will please to make a Special act for the Speedy Sessions of that Court that your Petitioner may pass his Trial, and being proceeded with According to law, may be put into a capacity of following his former business again, Yo^{r} Petitioner Shall forever pray as in duty bound

23^{d} Augt 1716 Joseph Davis

[See Vol. III. p. 652.]

[2-85]

[Petition of Timothy Davis, Jr., concerning bankruptcy laws. Dated September 12, 1716. — Ed.]

[2-86]

[*Walter Hull for Release from a Debtor's Prison*, 1716.]

To the Hon^{eble} ye Lieu^{t} Gouvernour Councill and Representatives Convened In. Generall Assembly —

The Petition of Walter Hull of Portsm^{o} Most Humbly Sheweth —

That your Petitioner being now in the Province Goal on this acc^{tt} of Dept, and not haveing one farthing In this world wherewith to pay itt, nor wherewithall to Subsist my Self, my wife, and three young Children who Cry for Bread — Most Humbly prays, that your Honours would please to Direct unto some present means for ye Subsistance of your petitioner and famely, Least we perish for want, further and please your Hon^{rs} your petitioner Hath Been taken and Cast away four years goeing which Is the Cause of my poverty, and If possible that I may have Benefit of the Statute of Banckrupt, or that I be Released In Such maner as your Hon^{rs} In Wisdom Shall See meet and your petitioner Shall Ever pray for your Hon^{rs} Great and Good Conduct Health and Prosperety.

Portsm^{o} 7^{br} ye 12th 1716 Walter Hull

[See Vol. III. p. 653-54.]

[2-87]

[Petition from Samuel Swan, of Portsmouth, asking permission to take the benefit of the bankrupt act. Dated September 13, 1716. — Ed.]

[2-88]

[Petition from George Jaffrey, Richard Wibird, William Parker, and Clement Hughes, creditors of said Swan, requesting that his petition be granted. — Ed.]

[2-89]

[Petition from Francis Wainwright, of Boston, and "Information against Thomas Phipps Esq. High Sheriff Jan: 11th 1716-7," relative to attaching property of Timothy Davis, Jr. — Ed.]

[2-90] [*Michael Thomas concerning a Piracy*, 1717.]

The Information of michaell Thomas of Boston fisherman Belonging to the good sloop caled the prudent Sarah whereof Capt Richard Carr of Salisbury was commander being taken by A pirot the sixth day of May current about one of the clock in the afternoon at pemmaquid one caled Matthew Robinson A Deserter from Anapolis Royall: now belonging to winter harbour was pilate to the pirot that took said Capt Carr. — after said Carr was taken hee offered and contrived A plot with me the said michael Thomas as wee were washing of our hands together in one bucket of water before the mast In saying that we must contrive to make away with them and then wee should make our selvs there being five of the pirots on board of us said Robinson and foure of us captives and hee first said that they had drank hard and In some short time they would be Asleep: (or words to that purpose) with and upon said Robinsons contrivance I this Deponant tooke and privately secured my splitting Knife that I might have it upon Expedition suddenly and Joseph Fellows Belongin to Salisbury being then at Helm on board of said capt carrs sloope and sometime afterwards said Joseph fellows being Relived or Released from the Helm I the Deponent went into the forecastle and finding said Fellows There I said unto him now is our time to help our selvs and his

Answer was it is now to late for said Robinson have discovered to the pirots the whole plot or contrivance

micall thomas

Essex ss. sworn may 15th 1717

coram Joseph woodbridge
Justice of the peace

Joseph Fellows being taken with the above named Capt Carr by the pirots the same night as he was at Helm being two of the pirotts and Matthew Robinson upon Deck went before the mast and speaking softly together hee the said Robinson then Declared to them that the french men had contrived to make away with them where upon one of the pirots said throw him overboard — and the other of said pirots said no wee have not shed Blood yet wee will not begin now but wee will Keep a strick guard on Deck whereupon he fetched up his Armes and walked the Deck

Joseph Fellows

Essex ss. sworn may 15th 1717

coram Jo: woodbridge
Justice of the peace

Samuel Eastman being taken In said Capt Carrs sloop by the pirots and being on board the pirots sloop the pirots said that they would not doe as Robinson did to take his Brother and said pirots did prophanely curse and sweare and Samuell Carr testifyes to what Samuell Eastman hath Declared and further Addeth that he heard some of the pirots say Throw the french man over board and wee the Above named three Deponants doe Further Testify and say that they took the master of said Carrs sloop out of said Carrs sloop and carryed him on board of themselves (viz) the pirots sloop and left said Carrs sloop with order to follow them the said pirots

Samuell Carr
Samuel Eastman

Sworne by Samuell Carr and Samuell Eastman and the Latter clause of this Evidence By the whole may 15th 1717

coram Joseph woodbridg
Justice of the peace

[Endorsed] Depositions of men on board the Prudent Sarah which was taken by pirates May 6, 1717.

[2-91] [*David Chapin's Testimony.*]

Mr Dannil Collings Soninlaw to Mr fran, norrod of Cape anne master of ye Sloop — Seeflower bound out upon ye fishing account Sailed may ye 9 1717: haveing Saild about forty Leage to ye eastward ye next morning Spying A Sloop to winward: we thaught them to bee A fisherman but it proveed otherwise for being A pyeret they Bore down upon us and we Sufared them to Come abord us who then Aperd what they war and emedently Commanded us to lower our Sails & open our hachis which we dare not refews & they then Seing our Sloop to be more Suteable then theirs thy Cleard our fishroom & fecht aboard us thar goods and then put three of us aboard their Sloop and So we parted & got Safe ye next day into Capean they delivering ye Sloop to us John pere David Chapin &c

Essex ss. Mr David Chapin personally appeared before me the subscriber and made oath to his Evidence or Declaration above written this fiveteenth day of 1717 Joseph woodbridge
Justice of the peace

May it pleas Your Excellency Altho: the same day Here is Enclosed A later evidence written with Gentlemans one hand &c
Your Excellency most dutifull
Sv^t Jo: Woodbridge

[2-92]
[*Richard Dolloff concerning his Children who were Captured by the Indians.*]

To his excellency Sam^ll Shoutt Esqr Govern^o in cheife in and over his Majesty^s province of New hamp^r &c And The honerable councile and Repsensentives now convened in generall assembly

Pro: N. H. Portsm^o May itt please your excellency that wheras your humble pettioner had three children taken away by the cruelty of the Indians aboutt Six years Last past in July and carried to Morryall in Canady Wheras your humble pettionor pettioned to the honerable Govern^o and Councill in Apr^ll 1715 begging some supply in order to bee A help to defray his charge for the redemption of his three Children wich the honerable Goverm^tt gave mee twenty pound wch I give god thanks and ther honour^s wich money I gave unto Major Skiller as appeareth by his Bond dated the 11th 7^ber 1714 wich I could butt recover one of my childreen Humbly beggeth your excelencye and the honer^ble Councille and representives that I might have some

money to relieve me in my great necessity or I must Lett my poor childreen perish in ther wicked hands wich hope god will putt itt into your hearts to consider the poor Captivated childreen/ Which is the humble prayer of your humble petioner that god would bless your excellency The honer^{ble} Councille and Representives with long life and prosperity and other graces and endowm^{tts}

Sirs Your humble pettioner

Richard dollof

Voted That Rich: Dollofe ye petetioner aboves^{d} be allowed ten pounds out of ye Treasury, towards ye Redemption of his children now in Captivity Josh Peirce Clark p Temp^{r}

In Councill

Voted a Concurrence wth ye above vote May 17 1717

R Waldron Cler: Con

[2–94] [*Oyster River Parish Petition*, 1717.]

Pro: N Hamp^{r} } To His Excellency Saml Shute Esqr Capt Genl and Govr in cheif in and over His Maj^{ties} Pro: afores^{d} & Vice-admirall of ye Same and to the Honble ye Councill, & house of representatives convened in Genl Assembly.

The Parish of oyster river their answer, to a Petition ꝑfferred to the Genl Assembly the 14th May 1717, agst S^{d} Parish by some disaffected ꝑsons.

May it Please yor Excellency and your Honours

We the Subscribers hereof, being chosen by ye parish ꝑferred to represent them and appear in their behalf, before this Honble assembly, to make answer to ye Petition above mentioned, ꝑferred agst them, humbly take leave to Say as follows.

In S^{d} Petition we observe three things Petitioned, and ye reasons urged for haveing them granted, 1st tis requested that ye vote of General assembly wch confirm'd oyster river a Parish, may be repealed, or as they Express it reversed; for three reasons, 1st that the vote was passed, upon a wrong representation of the matter, to which we answer, that the matter lay before the Genl Assembly, und^{r} consideration 12 months, before the result, dureing wch time, there was three or four Sessions, so that there was all ye time and opportunity that could be wished, to make aright representation thereof, Petitions were ꝑferred on either side, and answers thereto, all matters fairly debated

in both houses, & ye votes passed thereupon most reasonable & just. — the second reason they give for haveing ye vote repeal^d is, because tis ꝑjudicial to the whole, to wch we answer, that by the whole, we understand ye whole parish, & that, tis not prejudicial to the whole parish, appears by our declaration to ye Contrary, for, as we are the representatives of ye parish in this affair, what we Say in Genl Assembly relateing to this matter, the Parish Saith, & we do Say, & hereby declare, that ye vote wch they urge to have repealed, is no way ꝑjudiciall, to ye interest of ye Parish, but very beneficial thereto; & again, Is it possible that any man or Community, in y^r right minds, should urge to have anything continued upon them, that is ꝑjudiciall & hurtfull to their interest, no veryly; but this Parish prayes y^t instead of repealing ye vote ye Same (if so it can be,) may be Strengthened. The third reason they give for haveing ye vote repealed, is because tis a vote, to which we answer, it would been as well for them to have Said, they would have ye parish made no parish, because it was a Parish, or that they would have every thing capable of change, changed, because it was as it was.

The 2^d thing requested in S^d Petition, is to have a reasonable proportion of land, allotted to the Subscribers of s^d Petition, out of the town of Dover, to wch we would breifly answer, that as we are representatives of ye parish afores^d we have no answer to make thereto, as such: yet as Dover men, we would humbly offer, that tis not the Parish of Oyster river y^t asks for an Addition, but onely a party of men of s^d Parish, disaffected to ye regular proceedings thereof.

the third & last thing they pray for, is that whereas there is two meeting houses in ye Parish, it may be ordered, y^t ye Publick worship of God, may be held alternately, on ye Lords days, at those two meeting houses, to which we would humbly make the following answer, that by virtue of the vote of ye Genl assembly, & ye powers contained therein, we have (being by S^d vote empowered so to do,) chosen, called, and Settled an able and arthodox Minister, to preach at ye new meeting house altogether, so y^t if this prayer is granted, the parishes agreem^t wth their Minister is null'd, he turned away, & ye parish putt to ye utmost Extremity, to find a Minister to comply, wth so unreasonable an ord^r as preaching at two places:

Stephen Jones
Joseph Jones
Philip Chesle
} Agents for ye parish of oyster river

[Endorsed] Parish of oyster river answer to a petition ꝑferred ag^st s^d Parish 8^br 9th 1717.

[See Vol. III. pp. 713, 714. — Ed.]

[2-95]

[*Theodore Atkinson's Petition for a License to keep a Public House in New Castle*, 1717.]

Pro: N Hamp^{r}

To his Excellency Samuel Shute Esqr Capt Genneral and Cheife Govern^{r} &c of his Majestys Province Afores^{d} to the Honble his Majesty Council and to the House of Representatives In Gen^{ll} Court Assembled

May It Pleas your Excellency &c:

The law of this Province limits the Town of New Castle to Two houses of Entertainm^{t} only, one of Which Is Necessary to be on the Main land A Rhoad lying thro: that part. And Many times Strangers have not that Acommodation Which Is Convennient for Want of another Publicque house — and I haveing a house that formerly was a publicque house of Entertainment: by the Desire of some I am fiting It up Which Will Cost me Money and Intend It for that purpose If your Excellency the Honble the Councell and House of Representatives Will pleas to permit the same I Shall put a person therein that Shall keep Good order Suitable and Convenient Meat Drink Lodging &c: and pay his Excise &c: According to Law

your Excellencys &c Humble obedient Servt

Theo: Atkinson

In Councill

Voted That the request of Theo: Atkinson Esqr for haveing a publick house &c be granted

8^{br} 11th 1717 Richd Waldron Cler Con

By ye House of Representatives non-concur^{d}

Josh Peirce Cl^{r}

[2-96] [*Conference with some Indians*, 1718.]

A short conference wth ye eastern Ind^{ns} feb: 14: 1717-8 —

Several Ind^{ns} being come to town were sent for to ye Council board they came accordingly

Kehoret
Ungonuet } Penobscott
Zachard

Pequahoe alias Nat^{l}
Ungebedques
Mamused — amescogin

The Lt Govr asked y^{r} names they answered as above ye Lt Govr asked whether they were sent ꝑ y^{r} Cheif

Ind: ans^{r} yes

Lt Govr Have you any message from yor Cheif to offer this Goverm^{t}:

Ind^{n} We have nothing say we came being sent for to see w^{t} would be done wth ye Criminal Imprisoned for killing an Indian

Lt Govr Why did you lapse ye time & tarry three or four days after ye appointm^{t}:

Ind^{n} bec: we had not made provision for our families neither had we snow shoes & further were ꝑvented one day by the thaw

Lt Govr The Court tarryed four days for yor Coming & since you did not appear we thought it ꝑ ꝑ [proper] to adjourn ye Court that you might be ꝑsent at the tryall & ye reason of adjourning the Court for so long a time as to ye 2^{d} tuesday in May is because then Govr Shute will be in this Province wch is w^{t} we understand you desire

Ind — we are well pleased

Lt Govr the Prisoner is in the goal fettered & hand cuffed & there so will remain till tryall & tis hoped before the Court there may be some better evidence against y^{e} ꝑsoner by having ye body of ye murthered Ind^{n} found, or some other

Ind^{n} tis well

[See Vol. II. p. 715.]

[2-98] [*Petition from Rev. John Buss, Durham*, 1718.]

To his Excellency Saml Shute Esqr Govr and Comander In chief In and over his Majesties Province of Newhampshire and the Hon'ble his Majesties Councell and Representatives convened in General assembly

The Petition of John Buss of Oyster River most humbly Sheweth — That your Petitioner who for forty years successively has laboured in the work of the ministry in that place even in the time of the late terrible Indian warr when many a score fell by the sword both upon ye right hand & the left, & severall others forced to flight for want of bread during all which time did watch ward and scout for the more ease and reliefe of ye Inhabitants; and notwithstanding that, did constantly exercise in the garrison and one other every Lords Day as god did enable him — But being now advanced to Seventy Eight years of age, and incompassed wth a great many infirmaties, and

unable to perform the usual Exercise of the Ministry; the People have not only calld another Minister, but stopt their hands from my Subsistence, whereupon he is greatly reduced having neither bread to eat nor Sufficient cloathing to incounter the approaching Winter — Wherefore, your petitioner most humbly supplicates that your Excellency, the councill, and Representatives would so compassionate his miserable circumstances, as to order a competent maintenance during life — and your Petitioner shall ever pray. John Buss.

[The foregoing is the petition mentioned in Vol. III. p. 741, as not to be found. In answer to it the General Assembly, October 8, 1718, "Voted, That the Selectmen of Dover be advised to do their duty & take care of s^d^ John Buss, & supply him wth what he is in necessity of, according to ye law of this Province; and that the Selectmen of Dover pay him twenty pounds out of the town stock to be paid quarterly from year to year." Concurred. — Ed.]

[2–99] [*Selectmen of Newington relative to Town Bounds.*]

To his Excellency Sam^ll^ Shute Esqr Governour & Commander In Chief In and over his Majestyes Province of New-hampshire — And to the Honourable his Majestyes Councel at Portsmo^th^ In said Province. —

The Petition of the Selectmen of Newington for and in Behalf of the Said Town most humbly Sheweth

That whereas the Township of Newington being a Small Neck of Land, made out of Dover and Portsmo^th^ have no Directing line yet run between them & the Said Town of Portsmo^th^ by which Means many Inconveniences may attend —

Doe therefore most humbly pray, that your Excellency & Councel would please to Cause a line to be Forthwith run, and that the Boundaryes thereof May be from the South Side of Mr: Thomas Pickerens farm frunting on the Bay down to Joseph Dennets farm, now In the Possession of Henry Bennett and thence Down on a Direct line Unto the Maine River — And your Petitioners Shall Ever pray —

John Fabyan
Hatevil Nutter } Selectmen
Moses Dam

To be humbly offered to his Excellency the Governour & the honourable Councel at Portsm^o^ by Cap^n^ John Downing of s^d^ Town whom

we the Selectmen have made Choise of & Impower'd to Act In our behalf.

[See Vol. II. p. 724. — Ed.]

[2-100]

[Petition of Joseph Clifford, of Hampton, dated May 2, 1718, relative to property left by his father, John Clifford, to his brother Jacob. — Ed.]

[2-101] [*Richard Dolloff concerning his Captive Children.*]

To his Excellence Col^{ll} Shutt Gover^{r} and Commander in Cheiff in and over the Province of the Massachusets bay and New Hampire and to the Honourable Councell & Gentelmen of ye assembly The Petition of Richd Dollof humbly Sheweth —

Whereas your poor Petitioner haveing been at great Cost and Charge in his last Jorney to Canada for the Redemption of his Son: which cost your poor petitioner Sixty three pounds besids what other money he carried with him, which money is still unpaid: and through many other Costes and Disappointments is now togeather with his wife and Children reduced to a low miserable and most deplorable State and Condition Humbly beseeches your Excellency and Honours Charitable assistance once more for his present Support in helping your poor petitioner: att this time for which great Liberality towards him your poor petitioner as in duty bound Shall Ever pray

having been Read in ye house of Representative^{s} & considered Vot^{d} y^{t} ten pounds be paid out of ye Publick Treasury of this Province to m^{r} Jacob Windal of Boston on ye acc^{tt} of ye Petitioner & y^{t} Rec^{tt} be taken y^{r} for —

Read in ye house of Representativ^{s} & order^{d} to be sent up for Concur^{s} — Josh: Peirce Cl^{r} Assem^{ly}

eod^{m} die In Councill Voted a Concurrence

Richd Waldron Cler Con

[2-103] [*Deposition of George Vaughan,* 1718.]

The deposition of George Vaughan Esqr of full Age Testifyeth and saith That being at the house of Mr Nathl Shannon in Ports-

mouth, he the s^d^ Shannon told me he had bought all Capt Glens Logwood, which he brought home wth him, and same time shewd me the Masters bill of Lading Endorsd by s^d^ Glen to the s^d^ Shannon, and all this before the Ship was unladen and in a few days after she arrivd at Portsm^o^ and before any of it was attachd by the then Sherriff Thos Phipps at the Sute of Mr Sam Wentworth. Feb^r^ 12th 1717/8

Sworn in Court — Test^r^ Clement Hughes Cler

Vera Copia Attest^r^ Richd Waldron Cler Con

[The foregoing is accompanied by a deposition of Seth Smith, of Boston, concerning the same matter. — Ed.]

[2–104]

[Petition of "Jonathan Wadleigh and his wife Anna Wadleigh the Relict Wid^o^ & Administratrix of Coll. Winthrop Hilton Dec'd." They wanted another trial of the suit of Captain John Brown and his wife Mary against them, October, 1718. — Ed.]

[2–105] [*North Hampton Petition concerning Meeting-House.*]

To the Honourable John Wentworth Esqu^r^ — Lieu^t^ Governour &c and ye Rest of his Majesties Council Resideing in ye province of Newhampshire — the petition of us ye Subscribers humbly Sheweth.

Whereas your humble petitioners being senceable it is proper to make our adress to your Honours for assistance in our present greiviences viz being so farr distant from ye publick worship of God some three 4 5 miles att Least besides not one half of us can go in could wheather Especially and not any of our Children where upon due Consideration of these and many other Dificulties we meet with wee your honour humble petittioners Humbly beseeches your honours advise and assurance in makeing us of ye north hill and ye north plains of Hampten so Called aparrish by our Selves we having mett together severall times in a Unanimous frame of Spirit for ye Rebuilding of a house for ye publick worship of god there but meeting with many aposements from our Neighbors att Towne we thought fitt to acquaint your honours of ye matter we are highly Taxed to ye building of ye meeting house at Towne many of us three or four pound aman at ye first payment we ofer them fair we will pay it provided they will pay us so much again to ye building of ours or to ye support of amin-

ister when Call[d] among us we have Desired a town meeting of our neighbors for some Compliance in afair way they Refuse it nor will in no wayes Remedy us & dont Consider what a Long way we travell to meeting as it hath been Considered on and spoken of by many y[t] there is scarce a Towne in Newenglend y[t] so many people go so farr to meeting Now humbly beseeching your Honours assistance in this affair to your humble petittioners as in duty Bound shall forever pray

Under written we ye subscribers oferd our neighbours at Towne before any vote was passed att ye first towne meeting to pay towards ye building of there meeting house provided they would pay us our money again when we built ours & they Refused

Sam[ll] Chapman	Thom[s] marstón	Joseph Towle
Jon Dearbon	Joseph Dearbon	Sam[ll] Bachelder
Richard Tayler	Ezekiel Knowles	David Dow
David wedgwood	John Redman	Henry Dow
Jon wedgwood	Joseph Chapman	Joseph Taylor
Willm Godfrey	Moris hobbes	Sam[ll] Dearben Jur
John Sanborn	Simon Marston	Benja: Thomas
will moulton	Thom[s] Marston Jun[r]	Moses Leavitt
Benja: hobbes	Ebenezar philbrick	Isaac Marston
Sam[ll] Dearbon	John Smith	Joshua Brown
Ebenezar Dearborn	Timothy Dalton	John Garland
John Johnson	Caleb Marston	Daniel Moulton
Job Chapman	Sam[ll] Marston	John Shaw
Simeon Knowles	Thom[s] Robie Jun[r]	John Knowles
John Marsten	Benonie fuller	

[See Vol. III. p. 751. — Ed.]

[2-106] [*Proceedings at a Hampton Parish Meeting*, 1718.]

Att a Loyall meeting of y[e] freeholders of y[e] old parrish on y[e] north side Taylor River y[e] 17th of y[e] 7th m 1718 being warned to consider of y[e] building a new meeting house: & about hireing a Schoolmaster &c

1 Then chosen moderator for S[d] meeting Cap[t] Josh Wingett &c:

3 Voted y[t] a new meeting House be built for S[d] parrish & S[d] house to be Set on y[e] meeting house green as near y[e] present meeting house as shall be Judged convenient, and y[t] Cap[t] Jabez Dow &

Jn° Tuck see out in convenient time what manner of house shall be built & to make report what Information they can gett for ye building s^d house The Town meeting to be adjoyrned to ye next lectur day which will be ye 15th of october James ffogg dissents

4 The Town mett according to adjoynment and then voted it a Legall meeting Voted y^t ye S^d meeting House be built 60 feet in length and 46 in width & 27 feet in Studd between joynts, and y^t a Steeple or Turrett be built to S^d house att one end thereof from ye beam upward of convenient and Suitable bigness & heighth to S^d house and that there shall be but one pewe in S^d meeting house & that for ye ministers family

5 Voted that a committe of 5 men be chosen which are hereby Impowered to Lett out & agree with workmen for ye building & finishing S^d house & for finding all materials for S^d same, upon as Reasonable tearmes as they can. The committe chosen are Capt Jabez Dow Serj : Jn° Sanborn, Sam^ll Nudd, Hezekiah Jennins, & Jn° Dearbarn coop^r they or ye major part of them. The house in ye inside is to be lathed and plaistered from ye under side of ye beames & downwards to ye cells with convenient windows for every part thereof and also 2 teer of gallerries

6 That when ye Committe shall give notice to ye people that belong to s^d meeting house they shall assist in ye Raising thereof

Voted

ver copia Tes^t Jn° Tuck Town Clr^k:

[See document next preceding. — Ed.]

[2-109] [*Petition of Benjamin Leavitt, Stratham,* 1719.]

Province of New Hamp^r } To his Excellency Saml Shute Esqr Govern^r & Commander in Cheif in & over his Majesties s^d Province & to the Honourable the Council

The Humble Petition of Benj^a Levit of Stratham, most Humbly Sheweth — That whereas yor Petitioner having some years last past by the hand of divine Providence lost his right arm whereby he is rendered utterly uncapable of any servile labour or handy work whereby he might procure subsistance for himself & family, & also having had Lycence for keeping a Tavern for some years past, & paid a considerable excise for the same, but yor Petitioners Family now increasing, & also several persons in the Town selling drink without

Lycence, as yor Petitioner supposeth, which has almost taken away the custom of yor Petitioner which formerly he had both of Towns people & strangers, which with what is before mentioned, renders yor Petitioner uncapable to pay any excise at all, yor Petitioner would therefore humbly request yor Excellency & Honours to consider his deplorable condition, & take off the excise formerly laid on him, & give him Liberty of selling what little he can without Excise, & so yor Petitioner shall ever pray as in duty bound &c.

Benj^{a} Leavitt

We the Subscribers ye Selectmen of the Town of Stratham do most humbly make our Application to yor Excellency and Honours for yor Granting the above requested favours to yor Petitioner, & humbly recommend him as a Sutable person to keep a Public House of Entertainment in ye Town of Stratham.

William Moor
Wilam Seave [?] } Selectmen
Benjman Talor

The wthin petition being read it was In Council April 29, 1719 Voted That Benj^{a} Leavitt of Stratham have license & is hereby Impowered to keep a public house & sell drink without paying excise in s^{d} town during his life provided no just Complaint be made agst him

Richd Waldron Cler. Con.

In ye House of Representatives 29 Ap^{r} 1719 Read & voted a Concurrence

Josh : Peirce Cl^{r} Assemb^{l}

[2-112]

[*Letter from Massachusetts relating to the Boundary Line Controversy*, 1719.]

Boston Decem^{r} 7th : 1719 —

Sr The Secretary being Indisposed I am by order of the Governour and Council, in answer to your Letter to advise you, That the General Assembly being yet sitting, and a Superior Court being to sit at Salem for the County of Essex the next week, and some of the Commissioners being Judges of that court the Setling the Divisional Line between the two Provinces cant be attended by the Commissioners on the part of this Government till next Wednesday three weeks when they will not fail of meeting the Hampshire Gent. at the Place they have appointed — I am your humble Servant

Jos : Hiller ℘ order

To Mr Richard Waldron --

[Answer.]

Portsm° X^br [Dec.] 8, 1719 ab^t 8 oclock at night

Sir — I have just now received Mr Hillers letter by an Express from Boston in relation To ye putting of or suspending ye Settlem^t of ye divisional line between ye two provinces of N. Hamp^r & Mass^a and have Communicated the same to His Hon^r Lt Govr Wentworth who has Commanded me to lett you know That ye affair on ye part of this province shall be suspended for ye present but withall if it be putt of for ye space of three weeks tis to be feared that then the badness of ye weather may ꝑvent ye Compleating ye business and further That at ye return of the post this week he will write more fully as to ye time &c — I am Sir yor humble Servt

R. W. Cler. Con.

[2-113] [*Council's Letter to John Bridger*, 1719.]

June 23 1719

Mr Bridger — I am directed by the Honble ye Lt Govr & Coun^l to Inform you that Robt Armstrong Esq has laid before them in Council an Instrum^t in writing appointing him the s^d Armstrong to be Deputy Surveyor of His Majesties woods in America und^r Charles Burmston Esq. whereupon they Desire to be advised by you whether you have rec^d a Quietus or are divested of the trust of Genl Survey^r of ye woods that due care may [be] taken for y^e ꝑservation of his Maj^ts trees I am Sir yor humble Servt

R. W. Clr. Con.

[See Vol. III. p. 750.]

[2-115] *Rules for Raising and Making Hemp.*

THE Land should be moist, neither dry nor too wet, nor hilly: A black mellow Soil produceth the best HEMP, and will hold longest even to 30 or 40 Years, but must generally have two Ploughings after the HEMP is off, and then dung'd well with mellow Dung, 20 Loads to an Acre, and plough'd again before the Seed is sown; tho some Lands especially where the Soil is deep will bear HEMP many Years with little or no Manure; and if the Land is Weedy, it should be harrowed before the last Ploughing to take off the Weeds, but when fresh Land

is broke up once Ploughing is sufficient. If the Ground fails it must be seasoned with Beans, or the like, and so it may be in case at any time the first Crop fails, especially if it happens for want of Seasoning. Rock Weed or Kelp is very good Manure for HEMP-Lands. A moist Summer not too wet produceth most HEMP. The Lands must be laid near a Level, not above 4 Foot broad, so that you may reach from the Furrows to weed or pull up the Fimble or Male HEMP. When your Seed is Sown, that which is scatter'd in the Furrows should be thrown with a Shovel on the Lands. To prove your Seed, Chew it, and if it has an agreeable Sweetness like Milk, and the Liquor look white, it is good, but if bitter and the Liquor of a reddish Colour 'tis bad ; or break it under your Finger on a Table, if 'tis good 'twill be moist, if bad dry and crumbling. The Seed should be Sown in a dry Season, in *March* or *April*, or in *May* if the first Crop fails, after Ploughing the Land again. When your Seed is Sown it must be harrow'd dry, and may be harrow'd again after a gentle Shower as soon as the Ground is dry, provided the HEMP be not Sprouted. Great Care must be taken to preserve the Seed by Flaps or otherwise from the Birds, and must be weeded if required. Two Bushels or two and a half will sow an Acre of Land.

THE Fimble or Male HEMP, such as is blasted, or that has met with any Accident, and won't produce Seed, will be Ripe about *July*, a Month before the good HEMP, as will appear by its yellow Colour, and must then be drawn.

WHEN the Seed (which grows in a small Cod) of the good HEMP is Ripe and ready to shed, 'twill be brown and hard, you must then draw the HEMP by Hand, and lay a beat (that is, about 6 Handfuls of Stalks together) for a Day or two upon the Ground, and then with a Whisk of Weeds, tye it up just below the Seeds, and set up four Beats together, opening the bottom of the Beats (a Shower of Rain does it good, but the Tops must not be cover'd, if you do it spoils the Seed) and if the Weather be good, it will be fit to Thrash in 10 or 14 Days, which is done upon the Ground (beat smooth for that purpose) with a Flail, then Riddle it with a coarse Corn Riddle in the Wind, and when 'tis well clean'd lay your Seed on a Floor and fan it before you use it.

AN Acre will produce 6 or 7 Coombs of Seed (at 4 Winchester Bushels to a Coomb) tho sometimes not above 3 or 4 (especially when disturb'd with high Winds, which are very pernicious when the Seed is Ripe) also 120 Stone of HEMP at 14l. to the Stone.

FOR Curing the HEMP make the Stalks in Shocks, and carry it to a place proper to water it, lay it there with Timber or Turf, or some Weight upon it for 10 or 14 Days, but no longer than is absolutely

necessary, which you will judge of by its pealing (some Water will prepare it sooner: River Water is best to preserve its Colour) then take it out of the Water and set it up on end in Shocks or Beats, open or loose, that it may be sooner dry'd; and when it's thoroughly dry House it, or Stack it, well secured at bottom and top.

A Kiln like a Malsters will dry the HEMP, and cause the Stalks to break much easier, and better free the HEMP from Stalks and Shivers, and will soon compensate the Charge of a Kiln.

YOU may peal off the HEMP at your leisure, by breaking the Stalk near the Root, and in several other Places, keeping the Root-end always one way upon your Middle Finger turn'd in, and draw the HEMP from the Stalk with your other Hand, repeating it 'till your Finger is full, then hang it on Peggs, or otherwise, and bind it up dry.

IF the HEMP be not dry'd on a Kiln, it must be Swingled, or dress'd with a Swingle-board, over the end of a Deal Board set end-ways, about 4 Foot high with an Edge to it, or by a Break or some other Engine, which may be moved by Water or otherwise.

THE Stalks of Coarse HEMP grows to 10 or 12 Foot high, but is commonly 7 Foot, and should not be less than 5½ or 6 Foot high.

THE *Præmium* allowed by Act of *Parliament*, for all HEMP Imported from Foreign Plantations is 6 l. *per Tun.*

Encouragement for Sowing Land with HEMP.

LAND in *England*, for Wheat worth 20s. an Acre, is worth for HEMP, from 40 to 50s; and is so let for a Term of Years.

AN Acre of Land Plough'd, Sow'd, and the HEMP come up, is generally worth (at *Soam* in *Cambridgeshire*) and Sold for 4 l. an Acre; and if likely to prove well, for 5 l.

AN Acre of Land produces, as has been already observed, about 120 Stone; and is Sold from 2s. to 4s. a Stone, that is from 16 l. to 32 l. a Tun. And the Seed from 8s. to 20s. and to 40s. a Coomb, according to its Goodness; however at 20s. a Coomb, supposing an Acre to produce 5 Coombs is 5 l. and 120 Stone of Hemp at 3 l. a Stone, 18 l. which together is 23 l. the Medium or ordinary Produce of an Acre.

THE best Seed is used for raising HEMP for making Linnen, which must be drawn before it produces Seed, and will make Cloth worth 2s. 6d. *per.* Yard, when whitened wears very Fine, and is vastly Strong.

SEED laid up dry will keep good several Years.

SEED makes good Oyle for the Soap boylers.

[The foregoing relates to one of the early industries of this State, long since abandoned. Many of the land grants made by Governor

Wentworth required a certain number of acres in every one hundred to be cultivated with hemp, provided the land was suitable; and other means were used to promote its production. The document cannot fail to be of interest to future generations. — Ed.]

[2–118] [*Relative to Burying an Indian*, 1720.]

Voyage to A Rousack [Arrowsick ?] to Bury the Indian by appoint June the 29, 1720 —

To 2 men reffitting as putting in a bowsprit Ballasting ye Sloop &c.	2.	6.	—
To boards Nayles &c for Bulk heads		7.	6
To 2 galls rum when ours was gone		12.	—
To an Express to the Indians		10.	0
To a Blanket given an Indian Squaw one of Hannocks relation	1.	16.	—
To men to Sayle the Sloop down and some small things for the voyage	4.	12.	6
	£10.	4.	0

Octr 25th 1720 In Councill ordered to be payd

℘sent Lt Govr Wibird, Tailor, & Jaffrey

Province of New Hampshear Dtr to John Gyles

1719 By order of Lieut Governor Wintworth to Mr Samll Jurden & my self to treat with the Indians Cheiffs Concearning hannock an Indian supposed to be lost —

Charge in Provision & a Cup [?] to drinke our king & Governr & Chiefs health is	17.	10
Ditto to ye English is	8.	8
to Mr Dennions Jurden 5 days one sd Sarvice	15.	0
1719 Octr 8 by order of Lieut Goverr Wintworth Pd to Sabatis Indien	8.	0
1720 June 8 to Exprece a messuage to naraugawock by order of Goverr Wintworth is charge	5.	0
June ye 19 to a measenger in answer to Goverr Wentworths Leter from naraugawock & to Exprece ye same to Captn Moody at Casco	18.	8

June ye 29 Charge in Provision to Exprece a mesuage to naraugawock to notifie ye Cheiff Indian that Gover^r Wintworth is a Rived to treat wth em is . .		12.	6
1720 July ye 1 by order of Lieu^t Gover^r Wintworth delivered to Sabatis & brother 4 yds of Broadcloth at 18/ ℔ yd is	3.	3.	0
to ditto & ye auther [?] Indians a Cup to wipe of tears .		6.	0
Fort George July 8 : 1720	7.	16.	7

Errows Excepted ℔ John Gyles

[See Vol. III. p. 787. — Ed.]

[2-119]

[Power of attorney from Jedediah and Abigail Fitch, and Jemima Coffin, "of Sherborn on the Island of Nantucket, to Ebenezer Gardner," relative to lands by them owned in New Hampshire. — Ed.]

[2-120] [*George Brownell's Petition*, 1720.]

To his Excellency Sam^ll Shute Esqr Governour & Commander in chiefe in & over his Maj^ties: Province of New Hampshire, to the Honble the Council & Representatives Sitting in Generall assembly at Portsm^o within & for Said Province —

The Humble petition of Geo. Brownell Humbly Sheweth

Whereas Geo : Whitehorn of Boston entered a complaint against yor Petitioner in his Maj^ties Court of Assizes held at Portsm^o the 9th day of this instant August — alledging against your Petitioner, in his complaint the abuse of his Son Richd Whitehorn your Petitioners Apprentice, wch was proceeded in & determined by the Honble Judges of S^d Court & your petitioners Apprentice discharged from him, wch is much to his prejudice & contrary to Law, because if he the Said Apprentice had at any time received any abuse, he ought to have complained to one or more of his Majesties Justices of the peace, & from thence to the Quarter sessions that so regular Justice might be administred, And not an apprentice to be discharged upon his Saying or Sweareing in the Court he was unhumanely beat, For there was nothing appeared in Court of any abuse, but his own Say So, & his telling it to others, & their Sweareing of it that he told them so, w^ch

in point of Law was no Evidence at all, And his Said father, finding him fitt for business thought on this unusual method to deprive your Petitioner of his Apprentice, & reap the benefit of my charge & Epences of four Yeares & a half wch would have cost his father £200 for his board cloaths & Schooling to have done it by any other Master to that degree that I have done it, & the onely thing that encouraged me to take so much paines was, that, this four Yeares & a halfe that he had Still to serve me would make your Petitioner asufficient amends, & he will now Save his father Seventy pound ℘ ann^m^ by being his Clark, he haveing agreat deale of bussiness in keeping a woodmongers wharfe, Still house &c, & the last three months past he hath particularly behaved himself very undutifully, & hath beene encouraged thereto by his Relations, & beene guilty of lying, Swearing, cursing, telling of Secrets out of the house, neglecting all commands except compeled to it

Wherefore your petitioner humbly prayeth that In as much as ye S^d^ Court could not take Cognizance of ye Same but by an appeal from ye Sessions & y^t^ therefor ye S^d^ Judgm^t^ is Extra judicial he may have remedy in this affaire & not made so great a Sufferer And for aprofest Schoolmaster to have his Apprentice permitted so falsely to accuse him in the face of awhole cuntry, and not to be punished for it, must render him useless & unserviceable & your Pettitioner shall Ever pray &c Geo Brownell

[Endorsed] George Brownels petition Aug^st^ 1720. Minuted

[2-121] [*Articles of Apprenticeship*, 1715.]

This Indenture wittnesseth y^t^ Richd Whitehorn son of George Whitehorn of Boston with the consent of his father & mother doth put & bind himself an Apprentice unto Geo: Brownell of Boston Schoolmaster, And with him & his wife after the manner of an Apprentice to Serve, from the tenth of January 1715/6 to the Yeare 1724/5 January at which time he will be the full age of twenty one Yeares wch time to be fully compleat & ended. Dureing all which time the Said Apprentice his said Master & Misteris faithfully shall serve, their Secrets keep close & lawfull commands everywhere gladly do, he shall do no damage to his Said Master or Misteris, nor see to be done of others but he to his power shall forthwith lett hinder & make known to his Said Master he shall not wast nor spend the goods of his said master or Missteris nor contract matrimony within the Said term, At Cards dice or any unlawfull game he shall

not play nor frequent taverns, nor absent himselfe from his Said Master or Misteris service by night or day but in all things as agood faithfull diligent & Obedient Servant shall behave himselfe towards his Said Master & Missteris dureing all the Said term

In Consideration whereof the Said Master doth Covenant & promise in behalfe of himselfe & his said wife to & with his Said Apprentice to teach him writeing reading Cyphering, & to cause him to be instructed in the art & mistery of a Cooper, And any other thing belonging to any trade, or other art, or Science y^t the Said Master or Misteris shall have amind to have him learn for his own accomplishment or advantage he the Said Richard as an Apprentice shall readily comply with, And the Said Master shall find unto his Said Apprentice Suiteable & Sufficient meat drink apparel lodging washing & all other necessaries dureing the Said term & at the end & expiration thereof to dismiss the Said Servant his Said Apprentice with two Suites of Apparrel for all parts of his body to the true performance whereof the parties abovesaid have hereunto interchangeably set their hands & Seales this tenth day of January 1715/6 in the Second yeare of the reign of king George &c

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of

Increase Gatchell
Esther Maccarty

[Endorsed] The Coppy of Richd Whitehorn's Indenture

[2-122] [*Sheriff's Order to Arrest Several Men.*]

Pro : of N Hamp^r } To The Sherriff of the Said province And Und^r Sherriff or Deputy greeting —

By ord^r of His Excellency The Govr you are hereby required in His Maj^ties name forthw^th on receipt hereof To Summon John pickerin George Walker Eph^a Jackson Saml Banfeild Wm Hunking Stephen Greenleaf Peter Ball John Jackson Senr Richd Shortridge Abraham Jones Charles Banfield Solloman Cotton John Abbott or So many of Them as may be found w^th^in your ℘cincts To appear at ye Councill Chamber at four a clock afternoon To Answer for a Scandalous paper Signed by Them Directed & delivered To his Excellency the Govr wch Said paper contains open & vile reflections on ye legislature of This province fail not

Dated Aug^st 27 1720 Richd Waldron Cler Con

Pro : N : Hampsh^{r} 27th august 1720

In obedience to the within p^{r}cept I have Sumoned John Pickerin Stephen Greenleafe Wm Hunking Solomon Cotton Saml Banfield abram Jones Peter Ball John Jackson John abbot Richd Shortridge the rest I could not find

Benj^{a} Gambling Sh^{r} :

[*Recantation.*]

We the Subscribers Do by these Presents Declare That The paper we formerly Signed Directed To His Excellency The Govr by way of petition is a Scandalous reflection on the Goverment which we were unadvisedly prevailed upon to Sign, and are heartily Sorry for it & promise for the future to behave our Selves as Dutifull Subjects and not do the like again

Geo : walker
Sam^{ll} Banfield
Step^{h} Greenleef

[See Vol. III. p. 794. — Ed.]

[2-123]

[*Instructions to Governor Shute, relative to Issuing Bills of Credit,* 1720.]

By the Lords Justices

W Cant Parker
Townshend
Holles N. Castle
Devonshire
J Craggs

Additional Instructions to Samuel Shute Esqr His Majestys Capt General and Govr in Cheif of His Majesty's Province of N. Hamp^{r} for the Time being.

Given at Whitehall the twenty seventh day of Septemb^{r} 1720 in the seventh year of His Majesty's reign —

Whereas acts have been past in some of His Majestys plantations in America for striking bills of Creditts and Issuing out the same in lieu of money in order to discharge their publick debts and for other purposes from whence several inconveniencys have arose ; It is therefore His Majesty's will and pleasure that for the future you do not give your assent to or pass any acts in His Majesty's Province of New Hampshire under your Goverment whereby bills of Creditt may be struck or Issued in lieu of mony or for payment of mony

either to you the Governour or to the Command^{r} in Cheif or to any of the members of His Majesty's Councill or of the Assembly of the said province of New Hampshire or to any other Person whatsoever without a clause to be inserted in such act declaring that the same shall not take effect untill the s^{d} act shall have been approved aud Confirmed by His Majesty Excepting acts for raising and Settling a publick revenue for defraying the necessary Charge of the Goverment of the said province of New Hampshire according to the Instruction already given you

By Their Excellency's Command

Ch Delafaye

A True Copy from the original

Examined

℘ Richd Waldron Cler. Con.

[Endorsed] Rec^{d} June 15, 1721

[2-124] [*Conference with some Indians at Portsmouth.*]

Mogg & Umbakeque

Lt Govr:

Q have you any Business with ye Gov^{rmt}:

I^{n} A. We take ye Occation of Comeing There are a People y^{t} Live at Merremetting Bay y^{t} we dont know nor dont Like — ou^{r} ordrs are to tell ye Gov^{r}mt y^{t} ye Indians shall have something to Say at arowsick ab^{t} 40 days hence —

L Govr — these People at Merrymetting are Subjects to ye king of Brittain who shall be supported there and Defended

Q^{t} have you any thing Else to offer.

A — we are ordered say nothing more —

Q w^{t} is ye Reason of y^{or} Insulting ye English Contrary to ye Severall articles & Treaties —

A we know of no such thing —

L^{t} G — It is very true There are sundry Depositions to Prove it —

In It is possible it may be so we cant Deny it but it was done by Pirate Indians —

Ind^{n} The Indians have bin much stulted [?] this summer for that many People have s^{d} it must be Words they had Rather have Wars

L^{t} G — they were foolish People much Like y^{or} young men we have no Desire to make Wor — but will Support ye Estern Settlem^{tt}

In — if any Indian comes for ye future dont mind y^m for yy comes on y^t our heads — I am asagamore ye Second man among ye Cheifes and am Sent by ye tribe and if had heard of any thing of Damage done by the Indians I should not have come —

L^t G^r you are Safe & should be on a Message if it were Wor —

L^t G^r — the Disturbing People and killing ye Cattle is very unsupportable — and not to be allowed of

In — It is very true —

I — w^t is Left for me to Doe either Goe for Boston or back home —

Lt Gov. A — Rest goe home & tell y^t Commission^rs will meet ye Indians at Arrowsick ye first week in Oct^r:

In — some men are too Rash and threaten the Indians — vizt S^d Jos Dam who says blood must be shed before he shall be satisfyed —

L^t — He might had some Reason so to say so for that they had kild his Creators & threatened to be drive him of ye Land y^t he & his Predecessors had Injoyed for a Long time but its not in ye Power of a single man to make war —

Q^t have you any thing more to offer —

A no

you had best upon y^r Return to have a Councill held and y^or young men Cautioned that they Dont Committ any more Insults — for ye Consequences will be bad for them for ye English will not bear it any Longer — here are sundry Indians Lurking ab^t — its best for you to take Care & see who they are for if any Damage arises by y^m it will occation a War w^tth y^m there is 400 men goeing und^r Command of Coll^o Waller to Cover ye Settlement^s while ye People get y^r hay & Corn and will not hurt any Indian Provided they behave y^m Selves well & Peasably

Sr These are by ord^r of ye Govern^r to Direct you to send a message to ye Indians y^t his Excellency

[Endorsed] Conference wth Ind^ns at Portsm^o 7br [September] 8th 1720 Mog & Ombagegoa — Minuted

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[2-125] [*Richard Waldron to Governor Shute*, 1720.]

March 10th 1720

May it please yor Excellency

I am Commanded by His Hon^r the Lt Govr & Coun^l to Inform you that notwithstanding yor Exce^ys orders Sent To Salisbury and the

resolution of This Goverm^{t} to lett all things rest that have any relation To ye divisional line between the two provinces till that affair is Determined at home The Constable of Salisbury by virtue of a warrant from the Select men for gathering the taxes of that town hathe imprisoned two men for refusing to pay rates There vizt Isaac Green and Edward west who lives more than a mile & half to the northward of that which has been generally reputed ye partition line of ye two provinces for thirty years last past and pray yor Excellencys interposition in The matter that right may be done I am may it pleace yor Excell

yor Excell most Obe^{t} humble Servt

Richd Waldron Cler C

Portsm^{o} March 10th 1720/1

To his Ex : Govr Shute

[Endorsed] Lett^{r} to ye Govr March 9th 1720/1 ab^{t} Imprisoning 2 Hampton [men] at Salisbury

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[2-126] [*Waldron to Governor, March* 14, 1720.]

May it Please y^{or} Excellency

S^{r} We advised you ye 11th That the Constable of Salsbury had Imprisoned two Hampton men that Live above a mile & halfe within ye Line of this Province for Rates. We have now to Acquaint y^{or} Excellency that they goe on in Such measures as may be of ill Consequence — as you'l see pr the Inclosed Lett^{r} which just now came to hand. We Pray y^{or} Excellency's Speedy interposition that further Confution may be avoyeded I am

Yo^{r} Excellency's

Most Dutifull and Obed^{t} Servant

℘ ord^{r} of ye Lt Govr & Coun^{l} Richd Waldron Cler Con

To His Excellency Govr Shute

March 14th 1720/1

pres^{t} Lt Govr S. penhallow Geo. Jaffrey Richd Weber T packer

The Lt Govr laid a letter before ye board from Hampton Informing the Imprisonm^{t} of Constable Longfellow ordered to be Sent ye Govr

[2–127] [*Charge against Benjamin Wentworth.*]

Whereas information has been made to the Generall Court or assembly of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, That Benjamin Wentworth of the Province of New Hampshire has made great Stroy & Spoil in his Majesty's woods in the Province of Main by Cutting great Number of trees fit for masting his Majesty's Royall navy into loggs, & Converting them to his own use. Wee William Blackston Maturen Rickar & Benj^a Stanton of full age, do Solemnly testify & declare that S^d Wentworth, who was authorized & Impowered by Robt Armstrong Esqr Dep^y Survey^r of his Majestys woods, did carefully mark all the trees that were fitt for masting his majestys navy, before ever he fell or Cutt one tree into loggs, & that all the trees that were Cut by him or his order, were not fit for masts, & that the Said trees, that were mark'd, for masts, as well as those Cutt into loggs, were allways reputed to be within thee bounds of New Ham^r the S^d Ricar & Stanton Doe further Testifye that the Loggs seized by Messrs Butler Chadborn Grant &c are the same that they were at ye Cutting of as above mentioned

May ye 9th 1721 The above Sworn to before ye Lt Govr & Councill at a Councill May ye 9th 1721

ps^t The H^ble Lt Govr Wentworth, Penhallow, Wibird, Packer, Jaffrey.

[2–128]

[*Henry Sloper Fined for Slandering the Governor and Council.*]

pro N Hamp^r

In Coun^l

Its Considered That Henry Sloper be find To his Majesty The Sum of twenty pounds for his notorious reflections on, and abuse of His Majesty's Lieu^t Govr & Council of Said province and that he pay Costs taxed at two pounds fifteen Shillings and 6^d and recognize To His Majesty in ye Sum of one hundred pounds To be of good behavior Till the Sessions of Genl Assem in May 1722 and That he Stand Comitted Till Sentence is ꝑformed. You are therefore hereby directed upon The refusal of The Said Henry Sloper to Comply wth This Judgm^t To Deliver him To The Goal Keep^r who is also hereby required To receive The Said Sloper into Goal and him to keep till Sentence is ꝑformed or the Said Sloper be otherwise discharged by law. Hereof neither you nor The Goal Keep^r are To fail

Dated May 20th 1721

The Said Sloper hath already recognized you are to take The further fees before you discharge him That have Accrued Since The Judgm^{t} vizt 2/ for this Execution and yor own fees for Serving

Richd Waldron Cler Con

To Mr Benj^{a} Akerman Door Keep^{r} To The Lt Govr & Coun

fine	20
Costs	2. 15. 6
Exec^{n}	2
Serving Exec^{n}	3 -4
	£23 — 10

[2-131]

[*Petition from the Heirs of Samuel Allen for a Grant of Land*, 1722.]

To his Excellency Samuel Shute Esqr Capt Gen^{ll} & Govern^{r} in Cheife of his Maj^{ties} provinces of Newhamp^{r} and the Mass^{a} Bay and the Honble the Councill &c

The Humble petition of George Walton in behalfe of him Selfe and the Daught^{s} of Sam^{ll} Allen Esqr Dec^{d}:

Humbly Sheweth that whereas yor petition^{r} being informed that Sundry people has putt in a petition for a Tract of the Wast Wilderness Land of this province Bounden upon ye head of Dover Line and also Several Other Tracts of Land haveing been granted to Sundry Compinies or Societies, of the Wast lands afors^{d} Now our hon^{d} ffather Samuel Allen Esqr afores^{d} haveing been Late Govern^{r} of this province, and not haveing Ever rec^{d} any him Selfe or any of his Children for his good Services Done

Yo^{r} petition^{r} Humbly prays that they may come in Sharers of afores^{d} lands and have a Tract of four miles Squar first Laid out or Sett of for them to make Settlem^{ts} upon Between salmond ffalls river and the bounds of New portsm^{o} And also An Equal Shear with the Inhabitants of the Other New Settlem^{ts}: Viz^{t} Nuttffield Chester New Boston New portsm^{o} &^{c} and yor petition^{r} as in Duty bound Shall Ever pray —

George Walton
in behalfe of him Selfe & ye Rest of the
Children of ye S^{d} Sam^{ll} Allen Esqr as above Said

[May 11, 1722, the township now known as Allenstown was granted to the children of Gov. Samuel Allen. — Ed.]

[2-132] [*Relative to the Disputed Boundary Line.*]

To His Excellency Samuel Shute Esqr Capt General and Govr in cheif in and over His Maj^{ties} province of New Hamp^{r} and to the Honourable the Council &c —

The Petition of Ephraim Roberts, Mathew Herriman and Samuel Smith proprietors of land in Kingston —

Humbly Sheweth

That upon the ninth day of March last your petitioners were had before Daniel Rogers Esq Justice of peace in ye County of Essex To answer to the proprietors of the town of Haverhill in a Course of law for Committing a tresspass upon their right and property, and that your petitioners their Defen^{ts} Impleaded the Jurisdiction of the Court, the Action being local, and to be tryed in no other County than where the fact was Committed, and that the very Spot where the tresspass was alledged in the writt to be done was in New Hampshire, Notwithstanding the Said Justice Rogers proceeded to tryal & Condemned your petitioners in the Sum of ten Shillings Damages & Cost of Court taxed at £2. 13. 6 from which Judgm^{t} your petitioners appealed to the then next Inferior Court and there likewise pleaded to The Jurisdiction of the Court for the Same reason as before the Justice and there made it evident by the testimony of a Surveyor & Sundry other persons upon oath That the very fact charged in the S^{d} proprietors writt was done three miles & one half and forty rods directly north from Merrimack, and therefore out of The Massachusetts Charter and by Consequence out of their Jurisdiction Yet So it was That the Said Inferior Court overruled the plea also and Confirmed the Justices Judgment and further condemned your petitioners in the Sum of £4. 17. additional Costs In all £8. —. 6 Wherefore your petitioners do humbly Intreat your Excellency and Hon^{rs} to take the premises into your Consideration and if possible to releive them as in your great wisdome Shall Seem right, and your petitioners Shall ever pray as in Duty bound

May 2^{d} 1722.

Ephraim Roberdes
matt. harriman j^{r}
for themselves and in behalf of Saml Smith

[2-133] [*Surveyor's Testimony relative to Foregoing.*]

Jonathan Wade Thomas Perrin Daniel Little & Starling Heath all of full age Testifieth & Saith that Being Desired by Mr Ephraim Rob-

erts Mr Mathew Herriman Junr & Mr Samuel Smith to measure ye Distance of ye Land that sd Ephraim Roberts Mathew Herriman & Samuel Smith was Sued by ye Committee for ye Commoners or proprietors of Haverhill for fenceing in & being Shewed ye place we Begun at ye Southermost Corner thereof & Set a Direct South Course by ye Compass & measuring from sd Land Keeping Sd Course to merrimack river & we find it to be three miles & a halfe & forty four rods.

Jonathan Wade
Thomas Perrin
Daniel Littel
Starling Heath

Jonathan Wade Thomas Perrin made oath to ye truth of ye above Evidance in Court at Ipswich march 27th 1722.

attest Stephen Sewall

A True Copy Examd

℘ Steph Sewall Cler

[2–134] [*Workmen at Fort William & Mary.*]

An accoumpt of Vitteling the Workmen att his Majstes fort Wm and Mary from the 2d Day of Jully 1722 att —— Shillings per : Week

Mr Twogood	Mason	24 Days	Benj Dockham	02
John Trundy	Mason	21	John Churchill	02
John Clark	Mason	14	Mr Jacksons Negro	11
John Griffis Mr Twogood Servant		24	Mr Drew Joyner	15
Thomas Willkinson		22	John Drew his Son	05
Joseph Langmaid Labourer		29	Mr Drew his Servant man	20½
Henry Langmaid Ditto		29	his Servant Pray	13
James pittman		02	My Self	27
				260½

Robert Coats

pro N-Hampr Cr
1722 Augst 29th By a Warrt on ye Treasurr for £12. —. —

[2-135]

[*Clement Hughes Complains that Liquors are Sold by Persons without License*, 1722.]

To the Honble Jno Wentworth Esqr Lt Govr & Command^{r} in Cheif in & over his Maj^{ties} Prov^{e} of New Hamp^{r} And to the Honble the Councill and Representatives Mett in Gen^{ll} Assembly for S^{d} Province

The Memorial of Clem^{t} Hughes Commiss^{r} of the Excise for S^{d} Province

Humbly Sheweth

That it is the Gen^{ll} Complaint of the Licensed Persons, That Sundry persons Sell Liquors without Licence, or paying any Excise or Duty for So doing, which is not only much to the Detriment and Discouragem^{t} of Such persons as do pay Excise, but also Defrauds the Goverm^{t} of its due, and tends much to the Corruption of good manners, but Especially of Servants — and other youths, that are not willing to be Seen in Publick houses, Sundry persons also under the pretense of Selling by Two gallons out of Doors (for wch I Know no Law neither) Sells by Smaller Quantities, And the Laws hitherto made to prevent Such frauds, have proved Inefectuall, This I Thought not only my duty but also of absolute Necessity to Lay before yor Hon^{rs} That yor Hon^{rs} may take it into yor Serious Consideration and pass Such Acts, as in yor Great wisdom you will Think meet to prevent the Licke abuse for ye Future —

Portsm^{o} oct^{r} 19 1722 Clem^{t} Hughes

[An act was passed in the Assembly, October 25, 1722, for the punishment of all persons who sold liquor without paying excise. — Ed.]

[2-139]

[*Memorial of Robert Armstrong, Naval Officer, concerning Charges made against him*, 1723.]

To the Hon^{rble} John Wentworth Esqr Leiu^{t} Govr and Commander in Chief in and over his Majestys Province of New Hampshire in New England and to the Honourable the Councel of the said Province

The Memorial of Robert Armstrong Esqr most Humbly Sheweth

That your memorialist has Received most Certain Advices from London that some Wicked and Evil minded persons by oath and otherways have falsly represented to the hon^{rble} the Lords of the Treasury

Your Memorialist as a Person Disaffected to his most Sacred Majesty and the Present Government & Constitution, Which false and Malicious Proceedings (if true) most Justly ought to Terminate in the utter Ruin of yor Memor^st^: But inasmuch as yor Memor^st^ is Conscious Such Accusations are altogether false Wicked and Malicious, And as yor Memor^st^ has had the Honour of Serving the Crown as Naval Officer and Collector in this his Majestys Governm^t^ for near Twenty Years, and also Deputy Surveyor of his Maj^tys^ Woods In America — Your Memor^st^ most Earnestly Suplicates yor Hon^rs^ Justice in Acquitting him (as much as in yor Hon^rs^ lye) of this false Scandalous and Malicious Imputation, wch Charges your Memor^st^ with Principles (wch from the Bottom of his Soule he doth and always did Abhor Detest and Abjure, And to this End Prays yor Honours will in the most Publick and Authentick Manner — Certifie yor Memor^st^ his Charecter in all Respects, And more Especially as to his unfeigned Attachment to his Majesty & the present Establishm^t^ As also to the Faithfull discharge of the Severall offices he has Sustaind in this Government And yor Memor^st^ as in Duty bound will Ever Pray &c.

June 25th 1723 Ro^t^ Armstrong

In Council June 26, 1723. It was resolved, That during our acquaintance with the s^d^ Robert Armstrong, Esq. ye memorialist, and his abode in this Province, he has behaved himself as a loyal subject and faithfull officer, and in no way inclined to ye Pretender, nor any of his adherents, by anything that has ever occurred to our knowledge. [Council records.]

[2–140] [*Butts Bacon Appointed Collector at Piscataqua*, 1723.]

To all people to whom these presents Shall come We ye Commission^rs^ for managing and Causing to be levyed, and collected His Maj^ties^ Customs Subsidies and other Dutys in that part of Great Brittain Called England Send Greeting. Know yee that we the Said Commissioners have, by Virtue of an Act of Parliament made in the twenty fifth year of ye reign of King Charles the Second Entituled an act for ye Encouragement of the Eastland and Greenland Trades and for better Securing the Plantation Trade, and in pursuance of the authority & directions to us given, by the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majestys Treasury deputed and Impowered and Do hereby Depute and impower Butts Bacon Esq to be Collector of all ye Rates & Dutys and Impositions ariseing and Growing due to His Majesty at Piscataqua river in His Majestys Col-

ony of New England in America by Virtue of the said Act, Whereby he hath power to Enter into, any Ship bottom boat or any other vessel, as also into any Shop house warehouse hostery or any other place whatsoever, to make diligent Search into any trunk, Chest, Pack, Case Truss or any other parcel or Package whatsoever, for any Goods wares or merchandize Prohibited to be imported or Exported, or whereof the Customs or other Dutys have not been duly paid, and the Same to Seize to His Majestys use, & also to Put in Execution, all other the lawfull powers & Authoritys for the better manageing or Collecting the Said Dutys in all things proceeding as the law directs. Hereby Praying and requireing all and Every His Maj^{tys} officers and Ministers, and all others whom it may Concern to be aiding and assisting to him in all things as becometh — Given under our hands and Seale at ye Custome House London ye fifteenth day of feb^{ry} in the ninth year of the reign of our Soverign Lord King George Annoq Dom^{i} 1722/3

J Stanley Walter Younge T Walker Charles Peers

Security is given in £1000

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Attest R Waldron Cler Con

ye Collect^{r} Sworn before ye Lt Govr ye 8th July 1723

[2-141] [*Joseph Smith's Service*, 1724.]

April the 20 1724

Mr Jefery Sur This is to Let you Now That Joseph Smith wos out in the Contrey sarvais under Leftenent bard seventen dayes Ass witnes my hand Moses Connor

9^{r} ye 20th 1724: In the house of representatives voted that the within Joseph Smith be allow'd & paid out of the Treasury for Seventeen Days Serv^{s} as a Centinell

Ja^{s} Jeffry Cl^{r} ass^{m}

In Councill Concured 9^{br} 27

R Waldron Cler: Con

[2-142]

[*Copy of the Will of Lieut. Gov. George Vaughan*, 1724.]

In The Name of God Amen —

The last will and Testament of George Vaughan —

I George Vaughan being Sick & weak & Considering that the time of my Death may be at hand and my mind and memory being Perfect I Do Appoint this to be my last will and Testament hereby revokeing all former wills by me made

1 I Commit my Soul into the hands of my Redeemer relying on his merits for acceptance and my Body to the Earth to be Decently Buryed according to the Discretion of my Executor hereafter to be Appointed —

2 I will that all my just Debts be paid in Convenient Season —

3 I give to my Dearly Beloved wife the third part of the Income of my whole Estate, to her also I Give my Mansion House with all the furniture therein with the Gardens & Orchards belonging thereto, & three Acres of land more adjoyning to the Same Dureing her widowhood —

4 I will that all my Children Shall be mantained out of my Estate till they arrive to the age of twenty years

5 I give to my Daughter Sarah Ross & the heirs of her Body the land (behind the House of George Townsand & John Grindall & the other houses between them) Square of with the land I have already given her

6. I Give to my Son in law John Ross one hundred Pounds

7. I Give unto Each of my maiden Daughters five Hundred pounds two hundred pounds of which is to be in land (to Each of them & their heirs) at the bank

8 I will that the Education of my Son Eliot at School and at College be Defrayed out of the Incomes of my Estate, to my Son Eliot I also give five hundred pounds two hundred of which to be in land at the bank and also my Eastern rights (so Called) at Scarborough Cape porpus Dunstan or Else where & to his heirs forever (except as hereafter Excepted)

9 I give my Son William and to his heirs forever all my house and lands at the bank and between the Creek and the bank, and all the residue of my Estate, as houses, lands, farms marshes Mills Tanyards and Streams of water and water Courses & Interest of ferrys I give unto my Said Son William and the heirs of his body forever ; but in Case Either of my Sons Should Dye without Issue lawfully begotten, it is then my will that the Surviver & the heirs of his body Shall inherit what I

have by these Presents given to the other, and in Case both my Sons Should Dye without Issue lawfully begotten, then it is my will that the Estates which I have by these presents given to my Said Sons Shall be Equally Divided amongst all my Daughters

10: I appoint my Said Son William to be Sole Executor of this my last will and Testament In Testimony of all before written I have hereunto Set my hand the first day of November 1724

George Vaughan Seal

Signed Sealed Published by George Vaughan Esqr as his last will and Testament in Presence of us Richard Waldron Junr
Abigail Shannon
Israel his × mark Honwell

Province of New Hampsh^r: 25th Jan^ry 1724 m^r Richard Waldron Junr Abigail Shannon & Israel Honwell the three Evidences to the aforegoing will personally appearing made oath that they were present & Saw George Vaughan Esqr: Sign & Seal said will declaring the Same to be his last will and Testament and that according to the best of y^r understanding he was of A Sound Disposing mind at the doing thereof Benj^a Gambling Reg^r

A True Copy Exam^d ℘ Benj^a Gambling Reg^r

[See Vol. IV. pp. 308–310. — Ed.]

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